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Religious Calendar

March 5 Saturday

- *Vijaya Ekadashi*

March 7 Monday

- *Maha Shivratri in Mandir*

March 19 Saturday

- *Amalaki Ekadashi*

March 23 Wednesday

- *Holikadahan*

March 24 Thursday

- *Dhuleti / Holi*

Monthly Activities

Kshamatemple@gmail.com

March 19, Saturday

- *Sunderkand Path 10am*

March 23, Wednesday

- *Shri Satyanarayan Pooja 6pm*

Monthly Bhajans

March 4, Friday

- *Vishnu Sahasranama Parayanam @ 8 pm*

March 11 Friday 7-8pm

- *Shree Ji Bhajan*

Urmi Upadhyay 856-

424-9328; Charu

Sheth 856-662-8754

March 18 Friday 8-9 pm

- *Satya Sai Baba of Medford*

P.K.Prabhakar 856-

596-3147; Sessa Ve-

muri 856-751-0867

Please join us for programs in March and April 2016!

MAHA SHIVARATRI is Monday March 7, 2016 at 9am-12pm and 4-8pm in Mandir

It is a pleasure to read Sunderkand Path on Saturday March 19, at 10am and to perform Satyanarayan puja on Wednesday March 23, at 6pm at our Temple with family and friends.

HOLI MANGAL MILAN

VENUE: ICC; TIME: APRIL 3RD, 12 TO 3 PM

"MATA KI CHOWKI" on Sunday April 10th, 4 pm to 7pm followed by Mahaprasad.

These nine festive days includes "Akhand Ramayana" starting on Friday April 15th followed by Maha-Aarti and Mahaprasad on Saturday April 16th.

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.

• Raj and Anita Chopra	Mar. 01 Rima Gandhi	Mar. 15
• Jashwantlal Mehta	Mar. 01 Troy Hudson	Mar. 17
• Lakshmi Pillalamani	Mar. 01 Jaysukh Sheth	Mar. 19
• Anisha Desai	Mar. 08 Dinesh Desai	Mar. 20
• Shashi Gupta	Mar. 08 Vinnu Shah	Mar. 23
• Sharad Pimplaskar	Mar. 09 Aarav Shah	Mar. 28
• Chandubhai Patel	Mar. 11	
• Harshad Patel	Mar. 12	
• Nishtha and James Hudson	Mar. 14	
• Ketan Shah	Mar. 14	

Condolences

Laljibhai Munjapara of Monroe, NJ, brother of Shantaben Antala of Voorhees, NJ, passed away on February 18, 2016. He was 68. ITA and its Board extend their sincere condolence to Munjapara family.
Condolences to Mahendra Vijaysinh Toprani, Arvind Vijaysinh Toprani, Kapil Haresh Toprani on the sad demise of their father/grandfather Shri Vijaysinh Purshotam Toprani on February 12th, 2016.
Jinesh Patel, age 45, Son of Sushila Dahyabhai Patel (Brahma Kumari) passed away on February, 6. 2016.
ITA and its Board extend their sincere condolences to their families.

From Me to You Pranams!

There is a quote 'Those that speak do not know and those that know do not speak'
There are those that have reached that have tried to speak... but always must say there are not adequate words...
You cannot describe That Which Is or the Constant or God beyond Form or the Source. It is impossible. Many have tried but it becomes an exercise in futility. Through trying, the great works such as the vivekachudamani and the ashtavakra gita came into being.
Now, why it is impossible? Because the Word is thought; and word and thoughts are creation; and creation is duality. All words connote form; even those that state formless just give another quality to form.
Mind and thought create the Maya Realm of form and the transient. That Which is the constant is beyond all division and duality and form. So when you speak, Maya comes into existence. The moment you speak, you are separate from That Which Is.
So now how to reach? That is why we need the inner silence. In silence the world of Maya ends. In non-thought, true knowledge IS. In Pure Awareness that which is Reality Is. To reach you must be willing to drop the world of the transient that you have held so dear. The fear that you cease to exist is unfounded, for you will find that while That which is seen, personality ends. You are One in the lap of reality. You are what the transient world proceeds from. You are the Essence of Existence and beyond Existence; then if you desire personality and form - go for it, for you will find you are and have always been free.
You are the perfection untouched by any experience of form and Maya; just as you are untouched by your dreams at night, the You of Self is untouched by the Maya realm of dream and mind. Go within to the Silence. Drop the thought; just observe; have no pre-conceptions. Just BE!!!
Use our Mandir as the abode to experience the silence, the stillness, the peace within!
As always,
Ramesh Viswanathan

Mark your calendar for Saturday May 21st for the EKAL fund raising Program" EK SHAAM EKAL KE NAAM" For details go to ekal.org website.

HINDU SENIOR CITIZENS OF SOUTH JERSEY
www.hinduseniors.com

Venue-ICC Marlton,NJ 08053

Date :-March 10,2016 - 6.30 PM Venue:-ICC 820 Rt. 73 Marlton ,NJ 08053

India's Partition-History, Horrors & Hassles: Why was India partitioned ,who was responsible for the partition, what happened during the partition ? Fifteen million people were displaced from their homes ,more than 1 million men, women and children were killed and the two nations ,India and Pakistan-continue to be enemies in a state of no peace. What did we get out of the partition?

The presenter Dr. Gambhir was a distinguished member of the South Asian Studies at the University of Pennsylvania .He has been the recipient of many national and international awards for his research including one from the President of India. Dr. Gambhir was also our recent President of the Association 2014-2015. Please do not miss this very important talk by Dr. Gambhir.

P.S.If you want to sponsor for snacks ,please contact Ram Arora at ram.arora1942@gmail.com or call 856-629-6720. Thanks , Ram Arora, President

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](tel:8569830769) for details.



Monthly Pujas at Mandir

It is a pleasure to read Sunderkand Path on Saturday March 19, at 10am and to perform Satyanarayan puja on Wednesday March 23, at 6pm at our Temple with family and friends.

We invite you to join us and perform Satyanarayan puja every Purnima day with family and friends and receive the blessings of Almighty God. Donations are welcome. Suggested donation is \$ 31. It is followed by Mahaprasad generously sponsored by Indian Villa.

Please join us for Sunderkand Path held on third Saturday of every month followed by Mahaprasad generously sponsored by Gagan Palace.

Jai Krishna, Kshama

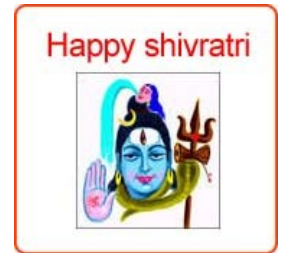




MAHA SHIVARATRI

Monday March 7, 2016 at 9am-12pm and 4-8pm in Mandir

Maha Shivaratri Hindu festival celebrates marriage of Lord Shiva with Goddess Parvati



HOLI MANGAL MILAN; VENUE: ICC; TIME: APRIL 3RD, 12 TO 3 PM RANG BARSE.....HOLI HAI!!!

Join us for the spectacular festival of colors. Color your life with colors of friendships, colors of love and happiness. Outdoor color play, awesome music and mouthwatering food and drinks.

Coordinated by Juggy Talwar 856-308-7870 and Subash Rashatwar 609-685-2969

ITA Scholarship Guidelines

India Temple Association (ITA) will award five scholarships to high school seniors whose parent(s)/guardian(s) are current ITA members of good standing. Applications will not be considered for students whose parents are not ITA members. At its discretion, the committee may change the number of available scholarships and the value of each scholarship based on the number of qualified applicants. All ITA Board/Scholarship Committee decisions will be final and not subject to any questions or litigation. All submissions must be postmarked by **March 31, 2016**. Please mail the following information and supporting documents to: Scholarship Committee, 25 East Taunton Ave., Berlin, NJ 08009. **Alternatively, you can also submit online by going to <http://www.indiatemple.org/scholarship.php> or email the documents to Sangeeta Rashatwar at SangeetaRashatwar@gmail.com**

- Completed application form.
- Grade Point Average (GPA) – 15% weight points.
- In-school extracurricular activity summary i.e. music, dance, leadership, student council, sports, cultural groups, etc. – 15% weight points.
- Participation in activities related to Indian culture, i.e. participation in ITA-sponsored activities such as the youth program, painting etc. A consistent attendance record will be given preferential treatment among equally qualified candidates) – 15% weight points.
- Community services i.e. volunteering at nursing homes, hospitals, walkathon, etc – 15% weight 0oints.
- Please choose **one topic** and submit three duplicate copies (typed and double spaced), not exceeding two pages - 40% weight points.

Yoga and Meditation – different schools of thought

Karma theory and Reincarnation

Relevance of rituals in Hindu worship

Rubric—Essays must be written by students in their own words using correct grammar and syntax. They should be thoughtful, articulate, well developed and persuasive. Students should provide relevant details in support of their view-point. **Include citations. Plagiarism will result in immediate disqualification.**

CHAITRA NAVRATRI JAI MATA DE MATA KI CHOWKI Sunday April 10th, 4pm to 7pm



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 8th to April 16th. Musicians from New York will be playing at this festive occasion.

We will be celebrating this auspicious festival by doing "MATA KI CHOWKI" on Sunday April 10th, 4 pm to 7pm followed by Mahaprasad.

Sponsors -- Welcome for Mata Ki Chowki. For more information or sponsorship, contact Nidhi Agrawal (856) 520-3451 or Nitin Khanna (267) 475-6932.

Sri Rama Navami

**Sri Raghavam Dasharadhatmajam aprameyam Sitapathim Raghukulan-
vaya Ratna Deepam; Ajanubahum Aravinda Dalayathaksham Ramam
Nishachara Vinashakaram Namami**

Date : Friday, April 15 starting at 11am



Akhand Ramayan Pathh: Ram Navmi Celebration

Temple observances will begin on Friday April 15 at 11 am. After Ram Navmi Pooja, the reading of Ramayan will begin at 12.30 pm. The Mahaprasad will be provided after the Poorna Ahuti on Saturday. Ramayan is with music along with Bhajan and Kirtan from 5-8 pm on Friday April 15

and from 10-12 noon on Saturday, April 16. 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.



Camden District

2016 Sites Schedule

<u>Monday</u> Feb 1-Apr 18	<u>Tuesday</u> Feb 2-Apr 12	<u>Wednesday</u> Feb 3-Apr 13	<u>Thursday</u> Feb 4-Apr 14	<u>Friday</u> Feb 5-Apr 15
*Barrington 10-1 *Haddon Heights 12-3 *Winslow 10-1 *Ferry Ave 10:30-1:30 *Closed Feb 15	Bellmawr 11-2 Cherry Hill 10-2 Voorhees 11-2 Westmont 12-4	Pennsauken 1-4 Winslow 10-1	Pennsauken 1-4 Runnemede 11-2 Voorhees 11-2	Blackwood 10-1 Collingswood 12-4 Cherry Hill 10-2.

2016 Site Locations

Barrington	Municipal Building - Council Chambers	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	208-9983
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

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 HOMESTEAD 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.

Programs for Your Spiritual Growth

YOGA ABHYAS FOR HEALTH, HAPPINESS & GOD

REALIZATION: A program for adults on Yogasana, Pranayam & Meditation.

First Sunday: 9:30 -11:30 am at our Mandir
Contact: Surendra Sheth@ (856) 985-3700

GITA STUDY GROUP:

Every Tuesday & Wednesday, 8-9 pm at our Mandir
Contact: Sharad Pimplaskar @ (856) 985-4785

BHAJANS & STUTI:

Every Friday, 7:30-9 pm
Contact: Shree Shuklaji or Shri Sudhirji (856) 768-6785

Regular Programs for Children and Youth

BAL VIHAR: For children (ages 4-13), to promote a positive Hindu identity within the diverse U.S. culture.

2nd & 4th Sunday @ 10 am - 1 pm

Contact: Malathi Shankar (856) 424-7849, and Bhavesh Patel 1-855-my-mandir ext 3 for registration and location

YOUTH PROGRAM: A program for young adults (ages 13-18) and parents. 2nd & 4th Sunday, 9:45 am - 1 pm at our Mandir.

Contact: Praveen Garg at (856) 783-4692 or Sangeeta Rashatwar at (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.**

PUJA SERVICE	INSIDE TEMPLE	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	
Sunderkand Path	\$151		
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
			MILEAGE AND TRAVEL TIME TIER
			\$0 for 1 - 25 mile radius
			\$51 for 26 - 100 mile radius
			\$101 for 101 - 150 mile radius
			\$151 for 151 - 200 mile radius
			NON-MEMBER
			\$51 for non-member surcharge

NOTE: Charges and availability of other Puja Services not listed above may be discussed with Smt. Charu Sheth at 1-855-MY-MANDIR Ext 1

DIRECTION TO BERLIN TEMPLE

A. From Tacony Bridge:

Take NJ route 73S; drive for about 12 - 13 miles and follow signs for East Taunton Avenue. Temple is on your right

B. From Ben Franklin Bridge:

Take route 30E to NJ route 70E to NJ route 73S, drive for about 7 miles and follow signs for East Taunton Avenue. Temple is 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 Avenue

D. From Central and North Jersey:

Take NJ Turnpike South. Exit 4 for route 73S. Drive for about 10 - 11 miles and follow signs for East Taunton Avenue 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: _____