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Religious Calendar

November 2 Sunday

- Dev Prabodhini—
Ekadashi—Tulsi Vivah in
Mandir

November 6 Thursday

- Dev Diwali—Purnima—
Shri Guru Nanak Jayanti—
Satyanarayana Katha in
Mandir

November 15 Saturday

- Sundarkand Path in
Mandir

November 18 Tuesday

- Utpati Ekadashi

Monthly Activities

Kshama Raghuveer (610) 642-2875

November 6, Thursday
Shri Satyanarayan Pooja @
6:00 pm

November 07, Friday

- Vishnu Sahasranama
Parayanam @8:00 PM

November 15, Saturday
Sundarkand Path @ 10:00 am

Monthly Bhajans

November 21 Friday 8-9 pm
· Satya Sai Baba of Medford
P.K.Prabhakar 856-596-3147
Sesha Vemuri 856-751-0867

Upcoming Programs in November



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 Sunday November 2, from 3:30 pm

Shri Satyanarayan Pooja on Thursday, November 6, 6 pm at mandir

Sundarkand Paath Saturday November 15 at 10 am at mandir

**ITA GENERAL BODY MEETING & ELECTION OF TRUSTEES
November 23rd, 5 pm at the mandir**

Open Mike Night On Friday, November 28, from 7-8 pm at mandir

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	Dixit Mahesh	Nov 18
• Puttaswamy Dunthur	Nov 02	Patel Bimal	Nov 18
• Gupta Roopali.	Nov 04	Dixit Mahesh	Nov 20
• Ravani Kishan	Nov 05	Patel Jagdishver	Nov 21
• Maheswari Arun	Nov 09	Shah Nagindas/Champaben	Nov 22
• Desai Barbara	Nov 11	Patel Kusum N.	Nov 24
• Bagaria Surendra	Nov 15	Patel Kusum N.	Nov 28
•		Patel Rital	Nov 28

Condolences

Mayur Jani brother of Harsha Pandya passed away in Rajkot, India on September 28 at age of 53. Both Dilip and Harsha Pandya are life members of ITA. ITA and its board extend their heartfelt condolences to the family members.

Senior Citizens' Program

Wednesday November 12, 6:30 pm to 9:15 pm and Wednesday November 26, 6:30 pm to 9:15 pm at ICC

Wednesday, November 12

During their long eighty days excursion earlier this year, Laxmi and Kanti Chowdhury visited Hawaii, New Zealand, Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and India. Laxmi Chowdhury will share their beautiful pictures of some of the fascinating places in Bali (Indonesia), Angkor Wat (Cambodia), Bangkok (Thailand) and Bodhgaya Sarnath (India) and comment on the fascinating story of Hinduism and Buddhism in Southeast Asia.

We will applaud the launch of our HSCSJ website during our November 12 meeting. There will be brief demonstration of the new website by Mahendra Topani who made it possible.

Wednesday, November 26

There are multiple cross-cultural situations when two people talking in the same language fail to understand each other. It is not always due to different pronunciation, choice of words, body language, etc. but non-communication or miscommunication also occurs when speakers organize or emphasize their thoughts differently based on their native culture practices. Surendra Gambhir will present multiple examples of cross-cultural fiascos through speech samples of professionals and a video displaying interaction between persons of Indian origin and other English language speakers.

S. Gambhir
President HSCSJ

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### Monthly Pujas at Mandir

**It is a pleasure to perform Satyanarayan puja on Thursday, November 6, at 6 pm and read Sunderkand Path on Saturday November 15, at 10 am 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. Mahaprasad generously sponsored by Gagan Palace.  
Jai Krishna, Kshama**



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Open Mike Night

**On Friday, November 28, from 7 - 8 pm
Aarti at 8 pm At Our Mandir, Berlin Temple
Please join us and have a pleasant Musical Evening. You are invited to sing Bhajans, Patriotic or Holy songs. Please contact Mr. Danny Saparia, email - dannysaparia@verizon.com for details.**

Jai Srikrishna



ITA Seva Samiti

****ITA Seva Samiti Fifth Anniversary Report****

by Sadhna Kothari

It was August 2009 when we gathered at the Mandir to offer our ideas for Community Service and **ITA Seva Samiti** came into being. A lot of work has been put into the various projects but the rewards have been well worth it. Your support is what keeps us going and it is with that in mind that we renew our commitment to Seva. We hope for your continued encouragement in the next five years, to expand and improve our contribution as Hindu Americans. Please Join Us!



At this five year anniversary, we humbly highlight the events and service projects that have taken place:

- *Cancer Walk – Seva Samiti was the #1 fund raiser in each of the three years of participation in Voorhees and Marlton. Over 200 from our community participated and we donated over \$25,000 to the American Cancer Society
- *Sandwich program for the homeless – over a thousand lunch bags distributed since inception by our Youth group and ladies circles. This is coordinated with the Satya Sai Baba group
- *Natural disaster prayer meetings and fund raisers for US storms, earthquake and floods in India. We watch these tragedies unfold on our TV screens and as Hindus, we believe in the power of prayer to heal and the practical necessity to raise funds and/or send common household items for those who have lost everything. We have had Bhajans, candle light vigils and inter-faith prayers.
- * India Day Mela – raised funds for local charities by having a Fun Day, Indian style with our unique culture, dance, music and most importantly food! Close to \$10,000 raised and donated to the Camden Children after School program
- *Yellow Ribbon program to support our troops – over 100 boxes of baked goodies sent to those serving overseas
- *Winter sweater and jacket collection – Over 100 winter jackets were collected due to your generosity, for distribution to the needy and homeless
- *Funeral services for Community members – Help to make funeral arrangements and provide emotional support at a time of loss by sending our Bhajan group or simply being there to listen and soothe
- *Family support for new refugees and domestic abuse victims
- *Seminars and lectures by scholars for community enrichment – we had talks on the Vedic Way of Living, Power of Gayatri Mantra, Pranayama, etc
- *Movie night – this was kids’ night to recognize their contribution by giving out awards and relaxing with dinner and a movie

Seva Samiti program contacts:

Sandwich bags for the homeless: Hina Desai hinamdesai@hotmail.com

Youth program: Chetna Giyanani chetnatemple@gmail.com

Funeral services: Charu Sheth charu_sheth@yahoo.com

Pariwar Seva: Sunitha Reddy sunithahreddy@yahoo.com

JAI SHREE KRISHNA

TULSI VIVAH

Tulsi Vivah is the ceremonial marriage of the Tulsi plant to the Hindu god Vishnu or his Avatar Krishna. The Tulsi wedding signifies the end of the monsoon and the beginning of the Hindu wedding season.

Tulsi Vivah Sunday November 2 at 3:30 pm in mandir

Mayaben and Jagdishbhai Shah from KrishnaJi (groom's side) and Mrs. Jignasa and Ripal Chikani and their parents. Mrs. Daxaben & Amrutlal Chikani from Tulsiji's side (bride's side)



**This Winter
Comfort Someone
With the Warmth of
Your Unwanted
Jackets and
Sweaters!**

India Temple Association SEVA SAMITI

(Service Group)

**is collecting your old BUT CLEAN winter jackets
and sweaters to distribute to poor and homeless
people.**

Drop Off at the Temple

Drop by Nov. 15th 2014

For Info call: 856-985-4785



Bal Vihar Update

The Bal Vihar is now going at full speed. After the initial Slokas and Mantras, the students heard the stories on how Diwali/Deepavali originated. It was interesting to hear the different versions from the North, East, West, and the Southern parts of India. The core thing however is that this is a celebration of good over evil and the firecrackers and the like that we burst on that day is a symbolic representation of the light within us and outside.

We are also planning a field trip to Arsha Vidya Gurukulam, Saylorsburg, Pennsylvania on October 26. Most of the books that are currently used by our Bal Vihar program were purchased from here. We look forward to that trip.

Jai Shree Krishna

Ramesh V

ITA Scholarship Announcement

Every year, ITA awards scholarships to the current high school graduates, based on their essays, academic performance, community service, and volunteering in ITA related activities. The topics for the essays are given beforehand. This year, we have selected six winners. We wish all the winners a wonderful future as they embark on a quest to uncover their inner potential in colleges and beyond.

By Ankita Prajapati

How to Prepare for a Happy and Successful Future?

Dharma, Karma, Artha and Moksha are the key elements to a happy and successful future.

Each one balances each other and work together to form one's life. The universal values of Dharma are Satyam, Ahimsa, Asteya, Shaucham and Nigraha. All these values will maintain one's life and will not lead them to an undesired future. Many things go into play when it comes to one's future and this all starts now as a child. Giving the child the right teachings of their religion and teaching them right from wrong will ensure their bright future. They will be secure to choose their own path which will make a step into their future.

The first steps to a successful life are the universal values. All play an important role and are building up as the person gets ready for their future. One has to tell the truth, not injury others, has to have purity in thoughts and living and self-restraint in expression, to do the right thing. Slowly this will build up and lead to a successful future. Saying the truth will liberate one's mind and show them to the path of righteousness. The feeling of guilt will not be present in that person future and they would not have to live with that burden. Once that person has finally showed righteousness they will soon reach Ahimsa.

Youth Group Update written by Rashmi Devadiga:

The youth session on October 12th started off with the Chanting of shlokas, which was led by Praveen Uncle. immediately after shlokas, we relaxed ourselves with yoga. We did several stretches and used different breathing techniques. Snigdha Aunty then prefaced the Hanuman Chalisa by quickly recapping the Ramayana. We then chanted the Hanuman Chalisa, as a group and started to interpret the verses and their meaning. Later, we discussed activities that we could do in youth this year. The ski trip, crafts and a temple visit were all ideas that came up during our discussion. The youth session ended with Aarti and lunch downstairs. Thanks to Praveen Uncle and Snigdha Aunty for a great youth session. Jai Shree Krishna!

Karva Chauth

Karva Chauth is a one-day festival celebrated by Hindu married women in North India in which married women fast from sunrise to moonrise for the safety and longevity of their husbands. Karva means a type of earthen pot of water and Chauth means fourth or fourth day of the dark-fortnight of the month of Kartika.

The day of Karva Chauth is celebrated mostly amongst the entire North Indian community settled either in India and other parts of the world. The most important aspect of this day is that a dawn to dusk fast is undertaken by the North Indian ladies and seeing the moon they finally break the fast. The Karva Chauth fast is unique perhaps because nowhere in the world does a wife go without food or water just to pray for the longevity and well-being of her husband.

The puja song sung by punjabi women, while they exchange thalis seven times...

**"Veero Kudiye Karwada,
Sarv Suhagan Karwada,
A Katti Na Ateri Naa,
Kumbh Chrakhra Feri Naa,
Gwand Pair payeen Naa,
Sui Che Dhaga Payeen Naa
Ruthda maniyen Naa,
Suthra Jagayeen Naa,
Bhain Pyari Veeran,
Chan Chade Te Pani Peena
Ve Veero Kuriye Karwara,
Ve Sarv Suhagan Karwara....."**

This Stanza is sung 6 times i.e. It keeps on repeating till the time Thalish have been exchanged and all women have their own thalis... it goes on six times, 6 feras / circles.

The seventh fera or circle or exchanging goes like this...

**"Veero Kudiye Karwada,
Sarv Suhagan Karwada,
Aye Katti Naya Teri Nee,
Kumbh Chrakhra Feri Bhee,
Aar Pair payeen Bhee,
Ruthda maniyen Bhee,
Suthra Jagayeen Bhee,
Ve Veero Kuriye Karwara,
Ve Sarv Suhagan Karwara....."**

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 a.m. at our Mandir

Contact: Virendra Gupta @ (856) 424-9313

GITA STUDY GROUP:

Every Tuesday & Wednesday, 8-9 p.m. at our Mandir

Contact: Sharad Pimplaskar @ (856) 985-4785

BHAJANS & STUTI:

Every Friday, 7:30-9 p.m.

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 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Contact: Ramesh Viswanathan (856) 489-1830, Bhavesh Patel 1-855-my-mandir ext 3, Rina Patel (856) 313-5235 for registration and location

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

Contact: Praveen Garg (856) 783-4692 or Sangeeta Rashatwar at (856) 424-4211

CREATIVE ART WORKSHOP

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

Contact: Narendra Amin (856) 429-8761

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; Click on "CALENDAR tab" and, from drop-down menu, Click on "EVENT/RENTAL CALENDAR". **Please contact Smt. Charu Sheth or Shri. Harish Shelat 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	<p><u>TEMPLE FACILITIES USAGE FEE</u> Prayer Hall: \$200 Social Hall: \$300</p> <p><u>OTHER CHARGES</u></p> <p><u>MILEAGE AND TRAVEL TIME TIER</u> \$0 for 1 - 25 mile radius \$51 for 26 - 100 mile radius \$101 for 101 - 150 mile radius \$151 for 151 - 200 mile radius</p> <p>NON-MEMBER \$51 for non-member surcharge</p>
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	

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

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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

7:30 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: _____