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Religious Calendar

Mar 31 Monday

- Chaitri New Year/ Gudi Padva/ Ugadi/ Chetichand

Apr 5&6 Saturday&Sunday

- Akhand Ramayana/ Kamada Ekadashi

April 8 Tuesday

- Shri Rama Navami

April 12 Saturday

- Chetichand celebration

Apr 14 Monday

- Tamil New Year

April 15 Tuesday

- Hanuman Jayanti

April 25 Friday

- Varuthani Ekadashi

April 27 Sunday

- Shri Vallabhacharya Jayanti

Monthly Activities

Smt. Kshama Raghuveer
(707) 332-3400

April 5, Friday

- Vishnu Sahasranama Parayanam

April 14, Monday

- Shri Satyanarayan Puja / Katha on Purnima Day @6 pm

April 19, Saturday

- Sunderkand Path 10am

Monthly Bhajans

Apr 18, Friday, 8-9 p.m.

- Satya Sai Baba of Medford

P.K. Prabhakar 856-596-3147

Sesha Vemuri 856-751-0867

Apr 25, Friday, 8-9 pm

- Shree Ji Bhajan Group
Urmi Upadhya 856-424-9328
Charu Sheth (856) 662-8754

Upcoming Programs in April

Akhanda Ramayana Paath

April 5, 10am to April 6, 12pm

Shri Ram Navami

Tuesday April 8, 2014, 10am to 12:30pm and 7pm to 8:30pm

“CHETI CHAND” Sindhi New Year Celebrations

Saturday, April 12, 4pm onwards

Purnima / Satyanarayan Puja

Monday April 14 at 6 pm

Hanuman Jayanti

Tuesday, April 15 from 6pm to 8pm

Sundarkand Paath

Saturday April 19 at 10 am

Dr. Ram Kamaldasji sermon on "SUNDERKAAND" From Ramayana Monday, April 28 to Friday, May 2, 7pm-8:30pm; Saturday May 3, 10:30-12pm, followed by mahaprasad

Shri Vallabhacharya Jayanti

April 27, Sunday, from 3pm to 6pm, followed by mahaprasad sponsored by Gita Satsang group

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.

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| • Babaria Ashok | Apr 02 | Brunt Arpana & David | Apr 19 |
| • Gujrathi Urmila | Apr 02 | Desai Shailendra | Apr 19 |
| • Bhatt Narendra | Apr 03 | Patel Arny & Deepal | Apr 20 |
| • Gandhi Kevin | Apr 03 | Choksi Yogendra B. | Apr 22 |
| • Sheth Surendra | Apr 04 | Jain Nimisha & Rajen | Apr 22 |
| • Patel Savitaben | Apr 06 | Khurana Samir | Apr 22 |
| • Pandya Dipti | Apr 08 | Dube Neal | Apr 23 |
| • Shah Upen | Apr 12 | Rao Ramachandra | Apr 25 |
| • Patel Vaishali | Apr 13 | Kothari Hansa H. | Apr 28 |
| • Vasa Siddhi | Apr 15 | | |

Condolences

One of our founding member Dr. Urmilaben Gujrathi's mother Smt. Bhanuben Navnitlal Mehta passed away on March 18, 2014 at the age of 87. She is survived by Sons Bhupendra, Vinod and Prashant , daughter Urmila, and eight grand children and 2 great grand children. ITA and its board extend their sincere condolences to Mehta family.

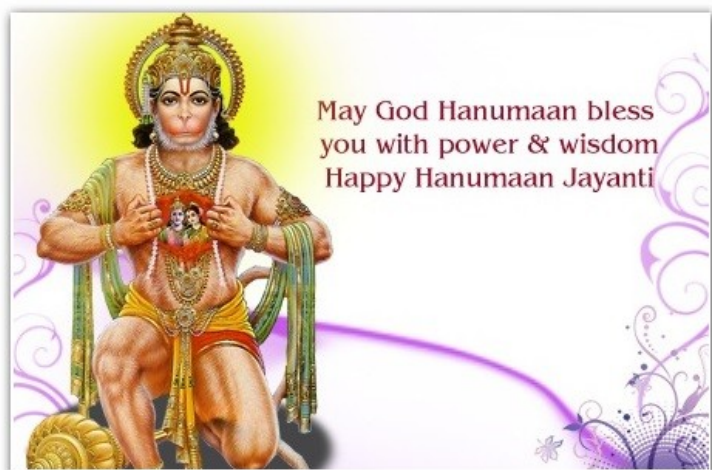
HINDU SENIOR CITIZENS - TWO MEETINGS DURING APRIL AT ICC

April 10 – Dr. Inder P. Goel, one of the best cardiac surgeons in the profession, will speak to us about the coronary artery disease as it pertains to the Indian population. Fats, cholesterol and other substances build up in the walls of our blood vessels over a period of time and form a type of plaque, some of which breaks off to form a blood clot to block the flow of blood, which leads to a heart attack or a stroke. Dr. Goel will explain how this is preventable and what foods are good or not good for a healthy life style. It will be an interactive session in a simple language understandable to non-professionals. Good health is the basic mechanism for being independent and for ensuing brimful enjoyment of life. This session should interest all seniors.

April 24 – We will have a highly entertaining session of brain-teasing interactive games, puzzles, and quizzes of fun for one and all. Sarla Gupta, JP Gupta, and Dev Gupta have the expertise in this area and they are preparing for a fun-filled evening. Come and be a part of the amusing and challenging moments.

Please RSVP for your first and second meetings by Monday, April 7. If you want to RSVP for your second meeting later please do so by Monday, April 21. Both the meetings will end with dinner provided by member families who are already signed up for it.

S. Gambhir, President HSCSJ



Hanuman Jayanti Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 6pm to 8pm

Hanuman Jayanti is celebration of birth of Lord Hanuman. We are celebrating Hanuman Jayanti a little more elaborately this year. Nitin Khanna who regularly attends and sings at the Sunderkand Paath held on the 3rd Saturday of the month at our mandir has volunteered to organize a wonderful program for Hanuman Jayanti which is on Tues April 15th. You may remember his melodious bhajans on Maha Shivratri celebrations at our temple. Led by Nitin Khanna, we will recite Hanuman Chalisa 11 times, and sing Kirtan, Bhajan, Dhun. All followed by Aarti and Mahaprasad.

“CHETI CHAND” Sindhi New Year Celebrations at Hindu Temple, Berlin NJ on Saturday, April 12, 2014, 4pm onwards

Cheti Chand is celebrated on the second day (Chand - new moon day) of the 1st month in the Hindu New Year - Chaitra (Chet in Sindhi).

It is also the birthday of Jhulelal or Dariyalal or Jinda Pir - the *Ishta Dev* of Sindhi Hindus. This is the most significant day for the Sindhi community and is celebrated all over the world with traditional pomp and gaiety. On this day Jhulelal is worshipped. Rice and sugar are offered to the habitants of the ocean as Jhulelal came from the ocean on a whale and protected the community from the cruel rulers of Sindh.

The Sindhi community of South Jersey will celebrate New Year/Cheti Chand at the Hindu Temple in Berlin on Saturday, April 12th, 2014. We will have bhajans starting at 4 pm, followed by langar prasad at 6 pm. All are welcome to attend.

RSVP to Sheela Alwani at [856-768-5351](tel:856-768-5351) or Deepa & Hiroo Pahilajani at [856-424-1365](tel:856-424-1365) or Anju Varindani at [856-772-2902](tel:856-772-2902).

"Jhulelal Bera-Hee-Paar"



Monthly Pujas at Mandir

It is a pleasure to perform Satyanarayan puja and read Sunderkand Path 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



Dr. Ram Kamaldasji's sermons on "SUNDERKAAND" From Ramayana

Dr. Ram Kamaldasji, Pujya Maharaj-ji, a resident of Varanasi, India, is an expert speaker. He has captured the hearts of devotees all over India and in many, many parts of the world, including but not limited to devotees in UK, Germany, Fiji, New Zealand and USA. He has written and published several books, such as Bhakti Path, Vedanta Pravah and Manas Vandana. Having a Ph.D. in Upanishads and MA in Hindi, he is an internationally known "Kathakar". He was invited in the year 2000 for and by the United Nations Religious Conference and it is our great fortune that he has blessed our temple, congregation and community every year since then. This year's sermons will be on "SUNDERKAAND" From Ramayana at the following time and dates at our temple.



Monday, April 28- 7pm - 8:30pm
Tuesday, April 29 - 7pm - 8:30pm
Wednesday, April 30- 7pm - 8:30pm
Thursday, May 1st - 7pm - 8:30pm
Friday, May 2nd 7pm - 8:30pm
Saturday, May 3rd - 10:30 am - 12 Noon, followed by Maha Prasad.

For Further inquiry pl call Drs. Amrit & Anju Nayar at 856-778-1781, Or Devendra & Rachita Singh at 609-248-5966 Or Rakesh & Nila Kohli at 856-751-8688.

ITA Gita Vichara Group

Gita Vichara Group in Marlton just completed their studies of Bhagvad Gita and now ready to begin the new text, Tattvabodha, on Tuesday, March 3rd, 2014 at 8:00 PM at Sandhya and Nitin Motiwala residence at 2 Elizabeth Court, Marlton, NJ 08053.

Though the group meets in a private home the class is open to community members. If you are interested, please contact Lata Pimplaskar who is the moderator of the class at 856-985-4785 or latap@comcast.net.

Tattvabodha: Bodha means knowledge. tattva means the essence or the Truth. The text covers the vision of the essence of everything. "The Truth of everything" - gross, subtle and causal body, Atma, Devatas, and Karmas and it's results with cycle of birth and death.

Join us! Hari Om! Lata Pimplaskar

ITA Yuva Darshan

By: Sanjana Kondapalli

Reciting mantras marked the beginning of another great day of youth program on March 9th. We recited the five shlokas that everyone was required to memorize, which was a success. Afterwards, we woke ourselves up with yoga. It was a great way to start the day off! Subsequently, the youths talked about the four goals of a hindu, which are artha, kama, moksha, and dharma. We next played a nice game of Sher Bakari. We had so much fun! After that we had aarthi and lunch, which was pizza.

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

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

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: _____