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Religious Calendar

Feb 14 Thursday

- Vasant Panchami / Shree Saraswati Puja

Feb 21 Thursday

- Jaya Ekadashi

Feb 25 Monday

- Purnima / Satyanarayan Katha

Mar 07 Thursday

- Vijaya Ekadashi

Mar 10 Sunday

- Maha Shivratri Celebration in Mandir

Monthly Activities

Feb 01, Friday

- Vishnu Sahasranama Parayanam: Kshama Raghuvver (610) 642-2875

Feb 23, Saturday

- Sunderkand Path @10:00 AM in our Mandir
- Shri Satyanarayan Puja/ Katha on Purnima Day: Kshama Raghuvver (610) 642-2875

Monthly Bhajans

Feb 15 Friday, 8-9 p.m.

- Satya Sai Baba of Medford P.K. Prabhakar (856) 596-3147 Sessa Vemuri (856) 751-0867

Feb 22, Friday, 8-9 pm

- Shree Ji Bhajan Group Contact: Urmi Upadhy (856) 424-9328 Charu Sheth (856) 662-8754

From the desk of ITA President

Namaste members,

As many of you may know, I have had the pleasure of serving our Mandir for over a decade first as a Bal-Vihar Secretary, then as Temple Manager, Secretary, ITA Youth Administrator, and most recently Vice President. And today, I am privileged and honored to have been elected by the Board of Trustees as your ITA President for 2013-2014. I want to thank outgoing President, Ms. Rina Patel, and the outgoing trustees for a tremendous job.

Just as I was welcomed into the ITA family when I took my first child to Bal-Vihar sixteen years ago, I would like to welcome you. I urge you to take the initiative and join our various committees. I know we are all busy, but with your time and commitment, we can continue to serve our community and children by planning meaningful programming. It is up to us to shape the vision of our Mandir and community. Fresh perspectives, new energy, will help to strengthen and broaden our existing programs and introduce new ones. Please join us in our mission in any way that you can. With your help, I would like to engage and serve all segments of our population from children, to young professionals, to families with school-going children, to seniors. There remains much to be done, and I look to you, our members to come forward and join hands. *Service is the expression of love. Serve in whatever possible manner you can. Ask yourself, How can I be useful to people around me, and to the whole world? Then your heart starts blossoming and a completely new level begins.*

-Sri Sri Ravi Shankar

Yours in humble service,
Sangeeta Rashatwar

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 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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| • Sushil Bhatnagar | Feb. 03 | Neel Kadakia | Feb. 17 |
| • Akshay Amin | Feb. 06 | Surendra Bagaria | Feb. 19 |
| • Narendra Amin | Feb. 06 | Ghanshyam Dave | Feb. 20 |
| • Kiran Doshi | Feb. 07 | Maya & Mason Doshi | Feb. 20 |
| • Naresh Talati | Feb. 07 | Gopal Patel | Feb. 23 |
| • Rushikesh Parghi | Feb. 13 | Priti Patel | Feb. 23 |
| • Jadev Gajera | Feb. 14 | Champak Patel | Feb. 25 |
| • Vaishali & Rajubhai Patel | Feb. 16 | Manoj Shah | Feb. 26 |
| • Jagdish-Maya Shah | Feb. 16 | Samit Desai | Feb. 28 |

Condolences

Nathubhai Mistry's (Life Member of ITA) mother Smt. Bhikhiben Morar passed away at the age of 101.

ITA and its Board extend their sincere condolences to Mistry's family.

Senior Citizens' Program

Thursday February 7, 6:30 pm to 9:15 pm

After two exciting technology sessions during the previous months, our members will now welcome a general group session over pizza and coke. We usually devote at least one full meeting every year for discussing and critiquing our core activities for a happy and healthy life: These include cultural activities & music programs, excursions, health & welfare, education & information, food & nutrition, and volunteer activities & support. Group discussions have always benefited us; they are constructive and they generate new ideas for solving problems and improving our programs.

So please come prepared to present your creative ideas and suggestions. The mission of Hindu Senior Citizens of South Jersey is the welfare and wellbeing of our members. We strive to enhance the quality of life through our group participation. Of course, two subjects – politics and religion – are off-limits for discussion.

The highlights of 2012 were a summer picnic, a winter Caribbean cruise, and joining of 45 new life members. We had several presentations on health, technology, information, and the like. Our success has been due to the devotion and dedication of our Executive Council members, volunteers, dinner sponsors, donors, guest speakers, and active participation of our members; we take this opportunity to thank them all for support.

The Senior Citizens' Group invites all Hindus, age 50 and above, to join, support, enjoy and celebrate life with fellow Hindus. Please do not procrastinate. At present, our life membership fee is \$20/- only. **JOIN US.**

Contact: Suraj Bhan Singh sbsingh1@hotmail.com (856) 582-5035

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, 2013**. 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 Ramesh Viswanathan, email: rameshv99@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 points.
- Please choose one topic and submit three duplicate copies (typed and double spaced), not exceeding two pages - 40% weight points.

The topics are:

- [Role of Hindu Temples in USA](#)
- [Science Versus Religion - Can they Co-exist?](#)
- [A conundrum – Religion versus Spirituality](#)

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 viewpoint. Plagiarism will result in immediate disqualification. If you have any questions, please contact Ramesh Viswanathan at (856) 489-1830.

Bal Vihar Program



We celebrated Makar Sankranti with gusto on January 13. Makar Sankranti (Hindi: & Sanskrit: मकर संक्रान्ति, Bengali: মকর সংক্রান্তি, Kannada: ಮಕರ ಸಂಕ್ರಾಂತಿ, Assamese: মকৰ সংক্রান্তি, Malayalam: മകര സാന്നിക്രാന്തി, Oriya: ମକର ସଂକ୍ରାନ୍ତି, Tamil:

தைப்பொங்கல், Telugu: మకర సంక్రాంతి, Marathi: मकर संक्रान्ति). Sankranti or Sankranthi marks the transition of the Sun into Makara rashi (Capricorn) on its celestial path. Traditionally, this has been one of many harvest days in India. Scientifically, this day marks the beginning of warmer and longer days compared to the nights. In other words, Sankranti marks the termination of winter season and beginning of a new harvest or spring season. The Bal Vihar South Indian families had prepared a grand feast of “Chakkarai” (Sweet) Pongal, Idlis, Sambar, Uppuma, and Cocunut Chutney, which was enjoyed by every one. Lataji had made 215 bags of Tilgud on this occasion and this was distributed to all the children. The teachers also talked about how this festival is celebrated in the South, West, and North India. We learned that it is a four day festival in South, the main one being on the second day—Pongal (made of rice and jaggery) as an offering to the Sun God (for good harvest), the first day festival is celebrated as Bhogi (name for Indra) where the folks discard the old clothes and vessels and buy new ones, the third day is “Mattu Pongal and Kanu Pongal” - Garland the cattle and the girls pray for the welfare of their brothers, and the last day is called “Kaanum Pongal”, when the families go on an outing to the beach and eat as a group. In the North and West, the people fly kites and exchange sesame seed and sweets to all and encourage everyone to be at peace with each other. While the customs are different in the different regions, yet they underline a common principle. All in all, it was very lively and entertaining.

Youth Program By Sona Dadhania

On January 13, 2013, the youth had a regular session for the first time since the start of the new year, and we started our session off normally with our customary shlokas and prayers, led by Sharad Uncle. Afterwards, the youth had yoga and meditation lessons, and in this session we learned about several standing asanas from our yoga teacher Harish Uncle. Then, the youth went to the social hall for a presentation by Miss Avani Tailor, a very learned woman who had lived for three years in an ashram where she learned about her Hindu spirituality and the Hindu scriptures, among other things; the focus of her presentation today was on Makar Sankranti, a Hindu holiday that was celebrated on January 14th, the Monday right after this youth session. The youth learned that Makar Sankranti is similar to a harvest festival for Hindus that marks the beginning of the transition to springtime, and we learned about many different ways to celebrate it, in India and at our homes; different ways of celebrating it around India include lots of food, gift exchanges, poojas, bhajans, meeting with family and friends, and games such as kite-flying. The youth also participated in a small activity where groups wrote down and presented how they would celebrate Makar Sankranti. After our very informational lesson, each youth committee that were formed in the beginning of the year gave the youth a short update on their activities and also informed the youth on upcoming events, such as the youth ski trip. We then went upstairs to the mandir for aarti, and later we enjoyed pizza for lunch. The youth thank our teachers for these great lessons, Miss Tailor for giving us such an interesting presentation, and our lunch sponsors, Jalpa and Rajesh Lotia, for this session.

ITA Seva Samiti

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"

--Martin Luther King, Jr.

Friends, the new year has begun, we already are into second month of the year and I am pressing on a thought about what are we going to do as Seva Samiti volunteers? I hope you had great holidays and now are ready to roll up your sleeve and join the works of Seva Samiti.

Indian community is not only growing but also aging. Thus the need for volunteers has become even greater. I truly hope, you will join us so we can extend our services to all those who need help.

Volunteers of Seva Samiti continue to perform at a local nursing home, offer services in case of death in a family, arrange prayer meetings, raise funds, seek counsel for those in distress, honor our military, fire, and police force, find support in case of a tragedy or domestic violence, collect goods for needy, and also have fun on movie nights or display our culture in a fair.

Friends, work goes on but we need you. We need more hands, new ideas so we can do more, reach out to more community members or communities. Please, please join SEVA Samiti to make 2013, a year of Service.

We are planning an open house and a meeting for planning the Seva Samiti agenda for 2013. The meeting will be held on Sunday Feb 24th 2013 at the Berlin Temple, starting 4:00 PM.

Meeting Agenda

4:00-4:30 meet and greet new members of our community. (Social hour)

4:45-5:00 looking back, leaders of the event will give the brief history of their projects.

5:00-6:00 Planning activities for 2013

6:00-6:30 Aarati

6:30-7:30 Mahaprasad

Please, call Lata @ 856-985-4785 or email latap@comcast.net

Hari Om!

Lata Pimplaskar

Marathi Saad celebrates Makar Sankranti - Haldi KumKum

Saturday February 2, 2013 at 4pm at Hindu Temple

RSVP Sumedha Nadkarni (856)986-6355

Makar Sankranti festival, unlike other Hindu festivals, is not dependent on the position of the moon, but on position of the sun. On this day, the sun enters the zodiac sign of Capricorn.

Marathi Saad Haldi Kunku Celebration

Marathi Saad are proud to announce its very first 'Haldi-kunku' celebration for ladies and young girls. Also along with Haldi Kunku we have few other fun activities to make this day enjoyable for every lady. All ladies interested in participating are expected to bring a single gift for exchange ritual. Due to time restrictions we will have only one exchange per lady. The gift for exchange should be \$5+. RSVP is extremely important in order to ensure food arrangements. Please email Sumedha Nadkarni in order to receive evite for the Haldi Kunku at sumitush5@gmail.com



Camden District

2013 Sites Schedule

<u>Monday</u> Feb 4-Apr 15	<u>Tuesday</u> Feb 5-Apr 9	<u>Wednesday</u> Feb 6-Apr 10	<u>Thursday</u> Feb 7-Apr 11	<u>Friday</u> Feb 1-Apr 12
*Barrington 10-1 *Haddon Heights 12-3 Winslow 10-1 *closed Feb 18	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 * closed Mar 29

2013 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
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	939-4688
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

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- **PLEASE CONTACT MR. KIRAN DOSHI AT SRIJIDOSHI@GMAIL.COM FOR ANY QUESTIONS OR CLARIFICATIONS**

Importance of Satyanarayana Katha and Sunderkand Path

Satyanarayan is the Narayan form of Lord Vishnu. The Lord in this form is considered to be an embodiment of truth. Satyanarayana is worshipped commonly by Hindus in their homes with family and friends, usually on a full moon (Purnima) day of the month. In this puja called Satyanarayana Pooja, people worship by reciting the gracious story of Lord Satyanarayana. This story was originally told by Lord Vishnu himself to the sage Narada for the benefit of humankind.

This puja is conducted to ensure abundance in ones' life. Many people carry out this puja immediately after or along with an auspicious occasion like a marriage or moving into a new house or any other success in life. The satyanarayan puja can be performed on any day. It is not a puja confined to any festivities. But Poornima (full moon day) or Sankranti are considered to be the most auspicious day for this puja. Performing this puja in the evening is considered more appropriate. On the day of the puja, the devotee has to fast.

Satyanarayan Puja starts by performing Ganesh Puja, chanting mantras to make an auspicious start. Lord Ganesha is the only god among gods, whose name and mantras have to be chanted before the puja or any religious rituals. After chanting Ganesha Mantras, we offer Him his favourite prasaad.

After Ganesha puja, we perform Navagraha Puja [Nine planets puja] and finally we perform Lord Vishnu's puja. We place him on a raised clean platform and offer Him rose petals and fruits. After the Puja is over, we start the story of 'Satyanarayan Bhagwan' that depicts the moral of the story, which is, 'don't leave any work in between, otherwise one has to suffer a lot in this life'.

Satyanarayan Katha teaches us about self-purification, self-surrender, and truth because 'Satya' means Truth, 'Nar' means Human Being and 'Ayan', a place where truth resides. So anyone who listens to the Katha will understand the importance of speaking the truth, thus getting rid of all the worries and attain peace and bliss in this life.

The **SunderKand** which is a chapter in the 'Ram-Charit-Maanas' or Tulsi Ramayana penned by Goswami Tulsidas is considered to be as auspicious to read, as it is to recite the 'Hanumaan Chaalisa'. It is given as much importance as the Bhagavad Gita in the Mahabharata. Like the Gita, the Sundarkand can be read independently at any time. It has a powerful theme: When you are on a noble mission, God gives you strength to overcome all obstacles.

In the Sunderkand, Hanumaan-ji is reminded by Jambavaan about the fact that he (Hanumaan-ji) has great powers but has no memory of the same. In this case, Hanumaanji is made to remember about the fact that he is capable of flying. Jambavaan exhorted Hanumaan to undertake the crossing of the Mighty Ocean. Hanumaanji's flight was necessary to search for Sita who had been abducted by Ravana. Sundarkand commences with Hanumaan's departure for Lanka in search of Sita and ends with Rama and his army's preparation to reach Lanka across the sea. This entire episode is called Sundar or beautiful because every act described in it is auspicious, elevating the human mind and promoting the right human values. Hanumaan initiates action for the friendship between Rama and Vibheeshana because of which Vibheeshana comes to be accepted in Rama's camp. The Sundarkand paves the way for the reunion of Rama and Sita. Even Lanka's burning is described as a beautiful act as it is to destroy evil. Throughout the episode, Hanumaan resorts to right speech and right action, hallmarks of a perfect man. Sundarkand also describes various human emotions like love, anger, sorrow, disgust, and fear. It describes the unmatched strength of Hanumaan: Both physical and mental. Good and evil co-exist. In the city of evil-doers there is Vibheeshana in Lanka, a perfect example of goodness and purity. Also, Mandodari in Ravana's palace advises Ravana on right behavior. Reciting the Sundarkand confers liberation or moksha on devotees as it depicts the process of liberation. Hanumaan, as an aspirant of self-realization, crosses the ocean to reach Lanka to find Sita.

The ocean of Samsara and discovery of Sita by Hanumaan symbolizes the discovery of divinity which completes the process of liberation. The aspirants struggle to attain self-realization - Hanumaan's efforts in negotiating obstacles en route to Lanka and Sita's efforts to unite with the Supreme Spirit represented by Rama.

In Sundarkand, the entire sequence is being watched by Lord Shiva and Parvathi (Bhavani). Their dialogues form the core of the episode's teachings. Lord Shiva states that God's grace is essential for completing difficult tasks. But to obtain God's grace, one has to constantly do good and those who take Rama's name in speech, thought and action will be trouble-free.

Hanumaan tells Ravana that Rama gives shelter to those who take refuge in Him, despite past misdeeds. Similar surety is given by Lord Krishna in the Gita: Even the worst sinner can overcome sin with right knowledge and by invoking God and practicing yoga. Rama tells Vibheeshana that if one gives up vanity, fad and falsity and surrenders to Him, he can get transformed into a model of virtue.

Description of Rama's love for Sita is an extraordinary example of man's devotion to his wife. Chastity in a husband-wife relationship is applicable equally to both man and woman. The suffering of Sita in Lanka while in Ravana's custody shows that even good people like Sita have to suffer in life. If suffering is a part of life, then the best course is to meet it bravely and ultimately rise above it rather than surrender to it. Sufferings of good people contribute towards achieving a bigger aim in the cosmic plane.

In Sundarkand, everything ends on a positive and bright note. Hanumaan finds Sita, ultimately helping in rescuing her from the clutches of Ravana. Vibheeshana is liberated from evil surroundings and is accepted in Rama's camp. Rama learns the secret of crossing the sea from the sea God.

Tulsidas ends stating that those who listen to the Sundarkand with reverence are empowered to cross the ocean of worldly existence.

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: Lata Pimplaskar (856) 985-4785, 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: Sharad Pimplaskar at (856) 985-4785 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. Chetna Giyanani 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. Chetna Giyanani at 1-855-MY-MANDIR Ext 1

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Take I-295N to Exit 29-A for route 30E to Berlin Twp. Turn left on East Taunton Avenue

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Darshan Schedule

Morning

7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Evening

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Aarti

12 p.m. & 8 p.m.

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: _____