



# Satsang Sandesh

## India Temple Association, Inc.

Hindu Temple, 25 E. Taunton Ave, Berlin, NJ 08009  
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### Religious Calendar

8-Mar Maha Shivaratri  
16-Mar Sundarkand Paath  
20-Mar Amalaki Ekadashi  
24-Mar Holikadahan, Vrat Purnima,  
Shri Satyanarayana Puja  
25-Mar Dhuleti  
5-Apr Papmochani Ekadashi  
6-Apr Akhand Ramayan begins  
7-Apr Akhand Ramayan concludes  
8-Apr Somvati Amavas / Amavasya  
13-Apr Mata Ki Chowki

### Temple Hours

#### Saturday & Sunday

9:30AM - 12:30 PM  
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

#### Monday to Friday

10:30 AM to 12:30 PM  
5:00 to 8:00 PM

Entry through  
**Front Door Only**  
(856)768-3134

**Satyanarayan Puja**  
Sunday, March 24th — 6 PM

**Sundarkand Paath**  
Saturday, March 16th — 10 AM

### **VIKRAM SAMVAT 2080 / 2024**

CALENDAR AVAILABLE ONLINE AT <https://www.indiatemple.org/>

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please note change in temple hours and Aarti timings @ indiatemple.org
- For security reasons, we will be keeping the Temple's doors locked. When visiting the Temple during open hours, please dial 856-768-3134 to be admitted. Also when leaving the Temple, please make sure that the door closes completely behind you.
- For Satyanarayana Puja participants: Please provide your name to Anoo Joshi @ 856-577-3631 few days prior to puja for planning.

### 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. 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.*

Jashwantlal Mehta	1-Mar	Dhiraj Panda	15-Mar
Lakshmi Pillalamani	1-Mar	Rima Gandhi	15-Mar
Raj and Anita Chopra	1-Mar	Troy Hudson	17-Mar
Anisha Desai	8-Mar	Bhanumati Mehta	18-Mar
Shashi Gupta	8-Mar	Jaysukh Sheth	19-Mar
Sharad Pimplaskar	9-Mar	Dinesh Desai	20-Mar
Chandubhai Patel	11-Mar	Vinnu Shah	23-Mar
Harshad Patel	12-Mar	Aarav Shah	28-Mar
Nishtha and James Hudson	14-Mar	Hemlata G. Patel	29-Mar
Ketan Shah	14-Mar	Navin Gupta	31-Mar

## PROGRAMS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH, HEALTH, HAPPINESS & GOD REALIZATION

<https://indiatemple.org/contact.php>

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Vishnu Sahasranamam & Lalitha Sahasranamam will be recited on 1st Friday of each month starting at 10:30 AM  
In-Person Only  
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Bhajan Sandhya (In person first Friday of every month from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM)  
led by Venugopal Varma (609) 598-4038  
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Bhagavat Gita Study organized by Sharad Pimplaskar (856) 466-1430  
Every Tuesday - 10:45 AM - Weekly  
Join Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID: 818 2564 6955; Passcode: 173521  
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Announcement: ITA Gita Study group Zoom meeting has resumed from September 26, 2023. We will read Shri Shankara's Dakshinamurti Stotram. We will also be taking some references from a commentary (Vrittanta), called Manasollasa, by his disciple Sureshvaracharya. This Stotram is a simple, beautiful and complete treatise on Vedanta. The text of the Stotram with Dhyana-Mantra will be provided to attendees.  
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**ITA Senior Social Group- Currently meeting weekly**  
Contact Vinita Ganju (609) 744 8558 for additional information.

## PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS BY HSC SJ AT ICC

There will be only one meeting in the month of March 2024.

Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 6:15pm at ICC

Our guest speaker Krupa Ruparel will be enlightening us on "Journey of the Soul": Welcome, everyone, to a journey of exploration and understanding - a journey that transcends religious boundaries and delves into the essence of life and death. In this session, we embark on a quest to unravel the mysteries of our souls, seeking deeper insights into our purpose on this earthly plane. From soul mates to spiritual guides, from the interconnectedness of the soul-brain to the choices we make in our physical forms, we traverse a path of enlightenment. Regardless of personal beliefs, we are invited to open our minds to the existence of a spiritual realm, where wisdom awaits. Ultimately, I invite you to consider a profound truth: that we are all immortal beings, vessels of boundless love and compassion. Join me as we embark on this timeless odyssey together.

Light dinner will be provided. For more information, please visit [www.hinduseniors.org](http://www.hinduseniors.org)  
Bharti Shah, President & HSCSJ Executive Committee Team

## SAVE THE DATES:

**Swami Dr. Ram Kamal Das Vedantiji sermons at our temple**  
Hindu Temple: 25 East Taunton Ave, Berlin, NJ ( website: [www.Indiatemple.org](http://www.Indiatemple.org))

Wednesday, June 12 through Friday, June 14, 2024, From 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM.

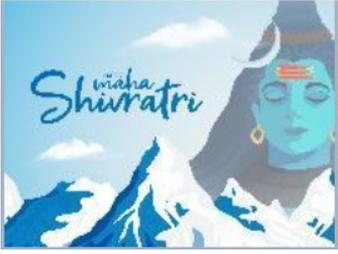
Topic: Sri Ram Charit Manas, KISHKINDHA KAND

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, 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, except the Covid time.

For information:

Please contact: Devendra and Ruchita Singh at 856-625-4335 OR Rakesh and Nila Kohli, 856-751-8688

**MAHA SHIVARATRI**  
**Friday, March 8, 2024**



ITA invites you to join in the celebration of Maha Shivaratri at the Berlin Temple.

**In-Person:**

**Date:** Friday March 8, 2024

**Address:** 25 East Taunton Avenue, Berlin, NJ 08009

**Abhishek:** 9:00 AM — Noon & 4:00 PM — 7:45 PM

(Note: Milk for Abhishek will be provided by the mandir\*)

**Bhajans:** 6:00 PM — 7:45 PM

(If interested in singing, please contact Hansa Kanzaria@856-905-3371)

**Aarti:** 8:00 PM

To RSVP go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E4CA4AA22A2F49-47523148-maha/23897135#/>

**For questions and additional information:**

Vijesh Darji: 609.675.6141    Vinita Ganju: 609.744.8558    Anoo Joshi: 856.577.3631

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Donations appreciated: [https://www.indiatemple.org/donation\\_form.php](https://www.indiatemple.org/donation_form.php)

**SAVE THE DATE: MATA KI CHOWKI**  
**Saturday, April 13, 2024**

Additional details will be forthcoming soon.

If you are interested, in making a general donation to support this event please go to:

<https://www.indiatemple.org/donation-form.php>

If you would like to instead sponsor a specific item, please contact: Vinita Ganju 609-744-8558; Vidya Shukla 610-703-1710; or Garima Thapar 408-823-7086.

A list of sponsor able items is below:

Hall Rent, Mahaprasad, Decorations, Flowers, Fresh fruits, Dry fruits, Paper Products, Musicians.



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**BALVIHAR PROGRAM**

**New Student Enrollment for 2024/25 Opens on May 17th**

**Purpose:** To teach Vedic Heritage and Indian Culture to children (Pre-K to 8th Grade).

**Details:** Explore website for detailed curriculum by grade and general schedule.  
[https://www.indiatemple.org/bal\\_vihar.php](https://www.indiatemple.org/bal_vihar.php)

**Timing:** 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM on designated Sundays

**Dates:** 16-17 Sundays starting in Sept. & Ending in May.

**Location:** Marlton Middle School (150 Tomlinson Mill Road, Marlton, NJ)

**ITA MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED**

Become a member: [www.indiatemple.org](http://www.indiatemple.org)

**Enrollment:**

Regular Enrollment (May 17th through June 1st): \$TBD

Late Enrollment (After June 2nd): \$TBD

Fees are NOT REFUNDABLE for any reason.

Space in the program is VERY limited. We encourage community members to enroll early.

**PUJA SERVICE & TEMPLE RENTAL FEES**

Shri Sudhirji perform religious services on request. Please contact Anoo Joshi at (855) MY-MANDIR Ext 715 to schedule a Puja Service or Rental of Temple facilities.

<u>Puja Services</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>		<u>NON-MEMBER</u>	
	Inside Temple	Outside* Temple	Inside Temple	Outside* Temple
Archana	\$21		\$21	
Vahan Pooja	\$25		\$25	
Namkaran/Annaprashan	\$51	\$101	\$151	\$201
Birthday	\$51	\$101	\$101	\$151
Shradha	\$51	\$101	\$151	\$251
Anniversary Celebration	\$101	\$151	\$201	\$251
Kesh Mundan	\$101	\$151	\$151	\$201
Satyanarayan Pooja	\$151	\$200	\$251	\$301
Engagement Ceremony	\$101	\$201	\$201	\$301
Havan/Graha Shanti	\$201	\$251	\$301	\$301
Vastu Pooja-Outside Only		\$251		\$351
Wedding per day	\$401	\$501	\$551	\$600
Upanayan/Yagnopavit	\$251	\$301	\$351	\$401
Uttarkriya Per day -Outside Only		\$151		\$251
Yagna/laghu rudra-Outside Only		\$351		\$400
Navchandi Yagna-Outside Only		\$651		\$700
Antim Kriya		No Charge		No Charge

\*IRS defined per mile charge applied for pujas outside of Temple.

In addition to their base salary, Pujaris receive 50% of Outside Puja Services payment as compensation.

<u>Facility Rental Fees</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Non-Member</u>
Prayer Hall Rental	\$251	\$301
Social Hall Rental	\$351	\$401

**Send address changes or Membership renewals to:**

ATTN: VP of Information at 25 E. Taunton Ave. Berlin, NJ 08009 or email [vpinfo@indiatemple.org](mailto:vpinfo@indiatemple.org)