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Religious Calendar

- Oct 4, Tuesday**
Durgashtami-Havan in Temple
- Oct 6, Thursday**
Vijayadashmi/DASHERA
- Oct 7, Friday**
Parshankush Ekadashi
- Oct 11, Tuesday**
Sharad Purnima
- Oct 15, Saturday**
Karak Chaturthi/ Kadva Choth
- Oct 23, Sunday**
Rama Ekadashi
- Oct 24, Monday**
Dhan Terash-Puja in Temple
- Oct 25, Tuesday**
Kali Chaudash/Narak Chaturdarshi
- Oct 26, Wednesday**
DIWALI-Laxmi Puja
Annkoot in Temple
- Oct 27, Thursday**
NEW YEAR 2068 begins
- Oct 28, Friday**
Bhai Duj
- Nov 6, Sunday**
TULSI VIVAH
Celebration in Temple

Monthly Bhajans

- Oct 14, Friday, 8-9 p.m.**
Pushti Mandal of Voorhees
Dhiraj Saparia (856) 287-1415
Priti Shah (856) 467-9148
- Oct 21, Friday, 8-9 p.m.**
Satya Sai Baba of Medford
P.K. Prabhakar (856) 596-3147
Sesha Vemuri (856) 751-0867
- Oct 28, Friday, 8-9 p.m.**
Shree Ji Bhajan Group
Urmi Upadhy (856) 424-9328
Charu Sheth (856) 662-8754



Diwali Celebration at Berlin Mandir

DHAN TERAS PUJA

Monday, October 24, 6:30 p.m.

Please call Ghansyambhai at 856-596-7531 or Binduben at 856-768-6785 to participate as PUJA YAJMAN

KALI CHAUDASH/NARAK CHATURDARSHI

Tuesday, October 25.

Lord Hanuman Puja at 6:30 p.m.

DIWALI CELEBRATION W/ANNAKOOT

Wednesday, October 26 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Initiation of Diwali Celebration will be with **Laxmi Puja** at 6:00 p.m. Upon completion of Puja, Temple will host Bhajan Program along with ANNAKOOT .

FIRST AARTI: 8:00 P.M. ****SECOND AARTI: 9:30 P.M.

Please call Nikunj at 856-596-7531 or Binduben at 856-768-6785 if you are planning to bring Annakoot Prasad. Appropriate items will be allocated for RAJBHOG style offering and presentation. Please bring Prasad in sufficient quantity to serve 25 people.

CELEBRATION OF HINDU NEW YEAR 2068

Temple will celebrate this on Thursday, October 27, 2011 from 6:00 a.m. Aarti will be at every hour. Hot coffee/tea and snacks will be served from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

NAVARATRI 2011

September 28, 29, 30 and October 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 8

Further details including School Change are included on 4 pages inside this edition of Satsang



AKHAND VISHNU SAHASRANAMA

Saturday, October 1, 9:30 a.m. in Berlin Mandir, followed by Prasad
Please contact Kshama Raghuveer at kshama500@yahoo.com

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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| • Patel Dupta | Oct 01 | Pandya Surina | Oct 14 |
| • Patel Dahyabhai & Taraben | Oct 02 | Gupta Renu | Oct 18 |
| • Dave Kamlesh & Vrinda | Oct 05 | Patel Dahyalal & Sushilaben | Oct 21 |
| • Shah Mosmi | Oct 06 | Patel Piyush | Oct 23 |
| • Patel Kusum N. | Oct 08 | Patel Chandrika | Oct 24 |
| • Gandhi Vijay | Oct 10 | Gupta N. K. | Oct 26 |
| • Patel Dhyabhai & Taraben | Oct 13 | Goyal Arjun | Oct 29 |
| • Dave Jitendra | Oct 14 | Gupta Vijay & Asha | Oct 30 |

Condolences

Hemant Purohit, brother of Rasmin Purohit, passed away on August 29, 2011. ITA and its Board extend their sincere condolences to the Purohit family.

Mrs. Rajeshwari (Shobha) Balakrishnan, mother of Jayshree Subramanian, passed away on September 11, 2011. ITA and its Board extend their sincere condolences to the Subramanian family.

Senior Citizens' Program

Thursday Oct. 13, 6:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. & Thursday Oct. 27, 6:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.

On **October 13**, we will actively participate in a "Laughing Session". We have invited Dr. Lucy Sheffield and Mrs. Shirl Abrams, certified laughter leaders of a Laughing Club of USA. As you know, laughs and smiles are apparently the best medicines and are free! They light up our faces and lift up our spirits, reduce stress, and improve cardio-vascular fitness. So, if you feel stressed or grumpy, join us for this exciting session.

October 27, we will celebrate our New Year 2068 with a musical evening. Three talented artists of our community - Sri Praful Patel, Dr. Hiro Pahlajani and Dr. Neeraj Pahlajani have graciously agreed to entertain you. They will sing your favorite and popular songs in the Social Hall of the temple. This is going to be an enjoyable evening for all of us. If any of you want to sing, you are cordially welcome.

For more information about the program, activities, and to join the group, please contact:

Suraj Bhan Singh, by phone: (856) 582-5035 or email (sbsingh1@hotmail.com) or

Narsinh N. Sangani by phone: (856) 435-2128 or email (nnsangani@juno.com).



Bal-Vihar Program

On Sept. 11th 2011, new and enthusiastic parents and children with skeptical faces poured into Cherokee High School cafeteria. Many old timers, parents and children quickly adhered to rules and spread out yoga mats making seats for the puja. In less than half an hour 125 thalis were prepared. It was a quite an assembly line as many volunteers lend their hands to our event coordinators, Brinda and Kshama Raghuvver. Volunteers quickly prepared more thalis as more children arrived. Before beginning, the reason for performing puja and payers was explained, as follows: Just as our body gets dirty and needs a bath, puja and prayers are for cleansing of mind sullied with anger, jealousy etc. When the mind is clean, then only it can reflect the Lord that is within us!

Children began puja at 10:15 with lighting of lamp and chanting mantra, "Dipjyoti parambrahm...." Not all children can chant Sanskrit mantras but listening to sounds of the words is considered auspicious. After chanting in Sanskrit the meaning is given in English. Before offering Prasad, children chanted Gayatri mantra and five names of Lord Gaensh. As children enjoyed sharing Prasad with their parents, our team prepared for the 9/11/2001 memorial service. That report is given in ITA_Seva Samiti section.

Next session of Bal Vihar is scheduled for Sept. 25th at Cherokee High School, at 10:00 a.m. sharp. The doors will be closed at 10:05 a.m.

Those who wish to take part in Lunch Sponsors Program, please contact Denny Depani @ 856-772-1257 or 439-7072 or e-mail dennydepani@yahoo.com

Youth Program

Youth Program sessions for 2011-12 began on Sunday, September 11th with the Sarasvati and Ganesh Puja. Each youth individually conducted the sixteen step puja with the Sanskrit mantras and their English translation. The Sankalpa — a statement of purpose for the puja — included not only removal of the afflictions and obstacles in their study, but also to gain universal peace through harmony and love.

A short orientation followed the puja to make youth familiar with the new class schedule starting at 9:45 a.m. every second and fourth Sunday. A calendar for the 2011-12 year was also reviewed.

After the orientation, the youth were transported to Cherokee High School to join in the ITA-Seva Samiti 911 Commemoration Program. The Youth group sang the American National Anthem followed by chanting of the Shanti Mantras for world peace.

The next Youth session will be on Sunday, September 25th at 9:45 a.m.

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

The Indian tradition calls for sharing a portion of our daily food with needy. We urge you to remember the less fortunate people when we are rejoicing with our friends and family during this time of holidays. As always, we join hands with our Bal-Vihar Group, Youth Group, Senior Citizen Group and others to coordinate the food drive which will help the poor and needy during holiday season.

Special marked containers are kept at the front lobby of our temple in Berlin for packaged and canned non-perishable food. Collected food boxes are delivered to American Red Cross for the use of the fire victims. Please do not donate outdated or nearly expired packaged items.

For more information, please contact Narendra Amin at 856-429-8761 or Binduben Shukla at 856-768-6785.

Seva Samiti



India Temple Association
Service Group

ITA SEVA SAMITI UPDATE

On Sept. 11th 2011 at Cherokee High School, ITA Seva Samiti along with ITA Bal Vihar and Youth Groups performed the memorial service for the 10th Anniversary of the terrorist air attacks on the US. The program began with introduction by Bharat Kanajle as the program emcee. The youth group children, with their teacher Sharad Pimplaskar, sang the National Anthem followed by the invocation of Hindu prayers for world peace. With a few slides of that fateful day, Lata Pimplaskar gave an account of how Americans remained united and how the human spirit triumphed over the evil actions. It was the victory for America and freedom to its people to follow the pursuit of happiness. Nationwide it was the day for honoring fire fighters, policemen and soldiers. ITA Seva Samiti also honored our local fire fighters. Two fire brigades from the Berlin Fire Company, Rushi Pandya and Mark Maloney, were present at this event to receive the special 911 pins presented by ITA Bal Vihar children. Rushi Pandya is a member of the ITA community and has been a student of ITA Bal Vihar and Youth group. Rushi spoke to the audience regarding his job as a firefighter. He said, "If I tell you, we are not afraid going to fire emergencies I would be kidding. But our job is to save lives, and we love to do what we are trained to do." Rushi and Mark had brought the fire uniforms and demonstrated how in less than a minute they prepare themselves to protect our lives in case of fire. Rina Patel, our ITA president presented a check of \$251.00 to Berlin Fire Company, which will be used to buy equipment for training purposes. The program was concluded by the slide show showing the glories of America followed by lunch.

ITA _SEVA SAMITI upcoming projects: PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

1. Oct. 23rd 2011 Diwali Celebration with refugees. There are many Bhutanese and Burmese refugees currently residing in South Jersey who are Hindus and would like to visit a Hindu Temple. They never have come to temple so Seva Samiti is planning to bring them to Temple for darshan on the 23rd and then take them to Cherokee High School for Diwali celebration with our children in Bal Vihar. WE NEED TRANSPORTATION and FUNDS for the event. Those who wish to help please call, Hina Desai @ 856-424-1934
2. Nov. 20th Temple Neighbors Appreciation Day: ITA Seva Samiti plans to invite Temple's neighbors for a friendly Tea. Please volunteer to be one of the hosts with Bharati Shah @ 856-429-0787
3. Yellow Ribbon Club: ITA Seva Samiti will join the Yellow Ribbon Club of Marlton in preparing Care Packages for our soldiers. We hope this project will be taken up by the youth from our community. Care packages should only contain following items: **Baby wipes, Body and foot Powder, Tasty Cakes, Hard Candy, Granola Bars and Powder Drinks.** We will place Yellow boxes in the temple for these items, please donate generously. To participate in making care packages call Sunitha Reddy @ 856-596-3215.
4. Virtua Rehab Center: We are participating on Oct. 13th with arts and crafts project sponsored by A C Moore Company in preparing shadow boxes of family photos etc. of senior citizens to keep their memories alive. We need about 4-5 volunteers for this project. Those who wish to participate please contact Geeta Gandhi a@ 856-988-9140

ITA Seva Samiti welcomes your donations and volunteerism to participate in above and many more projects that are in planning.

Third-Place Essays for ITA Scholarship Award Moral Responsibility

Neil Parikh

For those that question why peace on Earth has not yet been attained, the answer is simple: It is human nature that provides the basis for society's immediate respond to the unfamiliar with hostility and ignorance. For the early Homosapiens, this innate response was advantageous and even essential for survival. However, in the modern day — with only a few necessary exceptions — it has become virtually useless. History is plagued with religious wars, political conflicts, and petty crime. It is the moral responsibility of youth to end the cyclical violence inherited from generation to generation through tolerance, action and education.

Recently there has developed a growing trend of countries enduring revolutions due to intense civil unrest. For the most part, the youth are the ones fueling these waves of protests with their intense desires to eliminate the corruption in their government. Eventually when this generation becomes of age to assume positions of power, they will incorporate their sensible ideals. Although their cause is justified, what they are doing can't by any means be classified as peaceful. The revolution serves to show exactly what the younger generation is capable of when they decide to assume the responsibility of ending injustice

One example of a student run organization promoting tolerance through youth involvement is Students Together for Autism Research (STAR). I am proud to be apart of an organization dedicated to helping young autistic children grow up in a safe and peaceful environment. We have zero tolerance for those that tease and taunt these children. I have participated in the Buddies program where students are paired up with autistic students in Cherokee High School. The purpose of this program is to initiate friendships and help those afflicted with autism improve their social skills. Overall this organization has been successful in spreading their message and there is evidence of that in the exponentially increasing attendance records. Star members are role models that inspire incoming classes to continue on its legacy of great work.

Another effective way of lessening the hostility that exists in the world is making education accessible to everyone. Invisible Children is another organization I have donated to whose sole purpose is exactly this notion. Their aid efforts are directed towards the children abducted and forced to fight in the war-torn countries of Africa. The staff of Invisible Children consists of thousands of students from countries spanning the continents. It is the money raised by these students that builds the schools for these devastated communities. They believe that once the children attain skills and an education, they too will become contributing members of society. Invisible Children is an excellent example of the collective power of students to raise money for a cause they believe in.

Moral responsibility does not discriminate by age or gender. Its potential is not constricted by boundaries and its benefits are felt worldwide. The moral responsibility of any individual to make the world a peaceful place should essentially be the same. One should use tolerance, action, and education in everyday daily life. As long as one is involved in an honorable cause, this responsibility will be fulfilled.

INDIAN CULTURAL CENTER - CONSTRUCTION MAKING PROGRESS



Dear Community Members:

We are very happy to report to you that the construction of our new Cultural Center is making substantial progress since we began construction just a few weeks ago. The ground at the building site, parking lot and road leading to the center has been cleared. In addition, retention ponds have been created and underground pipes have been laid under these areas.

We invite you all -- along with your friends and families -- to join us on ***Sunday, October 30th, 2011 for Foundation Stone Ceremony***. This Ceremony will take place from 10A.M. to 2P.M. Those of you who participated in the Groundbreaking Ceremony are urged to come back to help us mark the next phase of our construction. But we also offer a warm invitation to all those who were not at the earlier ceremony. We will send you further details as they become available.

Additionally, we encourage you all to come and experience progressive progress of the building by visiting the building site on the following Sundays: September 25th, October 9th and October 23rd between 10AM to Noon. We believe that seeing yourself the continuing progress in making our Cultural Center dream come true will be etched in memory for eternity. When the Center gets completed, you can say: "I was there," while it was being built. Please bring your friends, neighbors and family for these site visits.

Lastly, we cannot fulfill our dream without the support of everyone in our community. So, please donate generously to complete our new Center. And please continue to visit our website www.iccofsj.org for updates.

ICC Board of Trustees.

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 temple in Berlin

Contact: Virendra Gupta @ (856) 424-9313

GITA STUDY GROUP:

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

Contact: Sharad Pimplaskar @ (856) 985-4785

BHAJANS & STUTI:

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

Contact: Shree Shuklaji (856) 768-6785

Regular Programs for Children and Youth

BAL VIHAR: For children (ages 5-13) 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

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 Temple in Berlin.

Contact: Sharad Pimplaskar at (856) 985-4785; Sangeeta at (856) 424-4211 or Sunitha at (856) 596-3215

CREATIVE ART WORKSHOP

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

Contact: Narendra Amin (856) 429-8761

PUJA SERVICE CHARGES, TEMPLE FACILITIES USAGE FEE AND OTHER CHARGES:

Following provides list of applicable charges and fees.

Shri Shuklaji will be available for religious services on request. Please check temple availability at www.indiatemple.org;

Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the link "Temple Availability", then click on "CALENDAR tab" and, from drop-down menu, click on "EVENT/RENTAL CALENDAR". **Please contact Smt. Chetna Giyanani (856-267-5598) or Smt. Anoo Joshi (856-616-2460) for the booking of the Temple Facilities and/or scheduling of Puja Services by Shuklaji.**

Please note that 50% of the listed cost of Puja performed outside the temple goes to Pujari in addition to his regular salary.

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	<u>TEMPLE FACILITIES USAGE FEE:</u>
Shraddha	\$51	\$101	Prayer Hall: \$200
Anniversary Celebration	\$101	\$151	Social Hall: \$300
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	<u>OTHER CHARGES</u>
Vastu Puja - outside service only	N/A	\$251	\$51.00 for outside 25 mile radius
Wedding Grah Shanti	\$201	\$301	\$51.00 for non-member surcharge
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 @ (856) 267-5598

DIRECTION TO BERLIN TEMPLE

A. From Tacony Bridge:

Take NJ route 73S; Drive about 12-13 miles and follow sign for East Taunton Ave. Temple on your right

B. From Ben Franklin Bridge:

Take Route 30E to NJ route 70E to NJ route 73S, drive about 7 miles and follow sign for East Taunton Ave. Temple 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 ave.

D. From Central and North Jersey:

Take NJ turnpike south, Exit 4 for route 73S. Drive about 10-11 miles and follow sign for East Taunton Ave. on your right.



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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**

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**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 _____ Special Prayer (\$301) _____ Temple Renovations
_____ Seva Samiti Fund _____ Bal Vihar Fund _____ Youth Fund

I am relocating to following address

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____