Religious Calendar

February 11, Sunday
Vijaya Ekadashi

February 13, Tuesday
Maha Shivaratri

February 26, Monday
Amalaki Ekadashi

March 1, Thursday
Holikadahan / Purnima

March 2, Friday
Dhuleti / Holi

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.

- Sushil Bhatnagar
- Ayshay Amin
- Narendra Amin
- Kiran Doshi
- Naresh Talati
- Rushikesh Parghi
- Jadev Gajera
- Vaishali & Rajubhai Patel
- Jagdish-Maya Shah

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAHA SHIVARATRI
Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 9am-12pm and 4-8pm in Mandir

Chaitri Navaratri Havan
Sunday March 18, 4-6pm at our Berlin Mandir

Mar.24th - Saturday Akhand Ramayan Paath Starts
Mar.25th - Sunday Akhand Ramayan Paath Concludes;
Shri Rama Navami Celebration in Temple

https://www.indiatemple.org/
Please book these dates in your planner and join these major events with friends and families

VIKRAM SAMVAT 2074 / YEAR 2018—CALENDAR- ONLINE

Sign up to Volunteer!!
Click on the community service logo on ITA website to check out the ITA community service opportunities and sign up to volunteer.
## 2018 ITA Leadership

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**Senior Social Group**

Senior Social Group (SSG) will meet every Tuesday at 1pm in the Social Hall at Berlin Temple. Please contact Mr. Bhulabhai Bhaktaji at 8569830769 for details.

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**Free Notary Service**

Notary Service by our ITA Members—
The following ITA members provide Free Notary Service to our community:
- Ghanshyam Dave: 856-596-7531
- Raman Modhera: 856-528-2863
- Dalapat Patel: 609-298-2724

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**FREE YOGA CLASSES FOR ALL LEVELS**

YOGA and Pranayam Classes at Berlin Mandir

Every Thursday at 10:00 to 11:15 am
Please bring your mat.
Instructor: Hina Desai
Cell phone#: 856-495-5864

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**Condolences**

Rajeev Jain, son of Mr. & Mrs. Dev and Krishna Jain passed away January 20, 2018. Sadly Rajeev was only 35. ITA and its Board extend their sincere condolences to Jain Family.
Shri Saraswati / Vasant Panchami
Puja was performed on January 21, Sunday by children at temple

Goddess Saraswati is the Hindu goddess of speech, learning, wisdom, arts, science, music, knowledge and more. In India, goddess Saraswati is worshiped at educational institutions in societies mostly from Eastern and Northern Parts of India on Vasant Panchami day (Magh Shukla Panchami). The very famous educational institution in modern India, Banaras Hindu University was founded by Shri Mahamana Madan Mohan Malviya Ji on Vasant Panchami Day. Goddess Saraswati, she is the consort of the lord Brahma. First Rigveda talks about goddess Saraswati and afterwards Upanishads and Puranas also describes goddess Saraswati. People worship Goddess Saraswati to attain enlightenment through knowledge and to rid themselves of lethargy, sluggishness and ignorance. Word of “Sara” means essence, and “sva” means one self, has the fused words meaning "essence of one self", and Saraswati meaning is one who leads to essence of self-knowledge.

The goddess Saraswati is often depicted as a beautiful woman dressed in pure white often seated on a white lotus, which symbolizes light, knowledge and truth. She not only embodies knowledge but also the experience of the highest reality. Her icon is typically in white themes from dresses to flowers to swans – the color symbolizing Sattva Guna or purity, without any discrimination for true knowledge, insight and wisdom.

She has four hands that hold items with symbolic meanings - a pustaka (book or script), a mala (rosary), a water pot and a musical instrument (veena). The book she holds symbolizes the Vedas representing the universal, divine, eternal, and true knowledge as well as all forms of learning. A mala of crystals represents the power of meditation, inner reflection and spirituality. A pot of water represents the purifying power to separate right from wrong, the clean from the unclean, and the essence from the inessential. The most famous feature on goddess Saraswati is a musical instrument called a veena, representing all creative arts and sciences and her holding the veena symbolizes the expression of knowledge that creates harmony. Goddess Saraswati is also associated with anuraga, the love for and rhythm of music, which represents all emotions and feelings expressed in speech or music.

A hansa or swan is often located next to her feet. In Hindu mythology, the hansa is a sacred bird, which if offered a mixture of milk and water, is said to be able to drink the milk alone. It thus symbolizes the ability to discriminate between good and evil, essence from outward show, and the eternal from the evanescent. Due to her association with the swan or hansa, goddess Saraswati is also referred to as Hansyahini, which means "she who has a hansa as her vehicle". The swan is also a symbolism for spiritual perfection, transcendence and moksha. A mayura or peacock is shown beside the goddess. The peacock symbolizes colorful splendor, celebration of dance, and - as the devourer of snakes - the alchemical ability to transmute the serpent poison of self into the radiant plumage of enlightenment.

Saraswati Vandana:
Yaa Kundendu tushaara haaradhavalaa,
Yaa shubhravastraavrritha.
Yaa veenavara dandamanditakara,
Yaa shwetha padmaasana.
Yaa brahmaachyutha shankara
prabhritibhir Devaihsadaaa Vanditha,
Saa Maam Paatu Saraswatee
Bhagavatee Nihshesha jaadyaapahaa.

Om Tat Sat
**Prayers**
We will be reciting Vishnusahasranamam and Lalithasahasranamam on Friday, February 2nd at our Berlin Temple. We will start at 10:30 am. This will be followed by Aarti at 12 noon. Please join us with family and friends and get Blessings.

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**CHAITRA NAVRATRI JAI MATA DE Celebrations at temple**

As this Navratra coincides with Ram Navami, it also referred as Ram Navratri. These nine festive days would be including "Akhand Ramayana" starting on Saturday March 24 followed by Maha-Aarti on Sunday March 25. Sri Rama Navami  
Sri Raghavam Dasharadhatmajam aprameyam Sitapathim Raghukulanvaya  
Ratna Deepam; Aajanubahum Aravinda Dalayathaksham Ramam Nishachara  
Vinashakaram Namami  
Akhand Ramayan Patth Date: Saturday, March 24 starting at 11am:  
Temple observances will begin on Saturday March 24th at 11 am by reading of Ramayan.  
The Mahaprasad will be provided after the Poorna Ahuti on Sunday. Anyone interested in helping, please call: Meena Bhatnagar (856-424-2581), Rano Vasishta (609-926-0142), or Ritu Pandya (856-435-6577). It will be helpful if you bring your Ramayan.

**Shri Rama Navami Celebration on Sunday March 25**

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**ITA Recognizes and Appreciates The 2017 Major Donors**

**Families Donating ($1000+)**

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**Highlights of 2018 February and March in Temple**

Feb.13th - Tuesday Maha Shivaratri Celebration  
Mar.02nd - Friday Dhuleti / Holi  
Mar.18th - Sunday Chaitri New Year/Gudi Padavo/ Ugadi / Chaiti Chand  
Mar.24th -Saturday Akhand Ramayan Paath Starts  
Mar.25th - Sunday Akhand Ramayan Paath Conclude / Shri Sahajananda Jayanti / Shri Rama Navami Celebration in Temple

**Highlights of 2018 April; We will give details in March Satsang Sandesh**

April 8th - Sunday Mata di Chowki at 4 pm @ ICC  
April 21st -Saturday Shri Vallabhacharya Jayanti Celebration at 3 pm @ Temple  
April 22nd -Sunday Holi celebration at 2:30pm
Programs for Seniors by HSC of NJ
ICC, 820 RT 73, Marlton, NJ

We will have one meeting on February 21, 2017 at 6.30 PM at ICC:
Senior Nite-by the Seniors, for the Seniors and of the Seniors. Please join us to enjoy the talent of the Seniors-Bollywood songs, Bhajans, Shairyee, Jokes, Poems, Ghazals and many other items.
If you WANT TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE CALL ME AT 856-629-6720 OR EMAIL ME AT RAM.ARORA1942@GMAIL.COM. Looking forward to enjoy this program with you all.
If you want to sponsor for snacks, please contact Manju Goel at 856-424-9028
Ram Arora, President

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Please join us for
"Maha Shivratri"

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When: Tuesday, Feb 13, 2018
ABHISHEK - 9:00 to 12:00 PM and 4:00 to 8:00 PM followed by Aarti, Bhajans and light fasting snack
Where: Hindu Berlin Mandir 25 E Taunton Avenue
Berlin, NJ 08009

Note: Lord Shiva ice sculpture on display in the afternoon session. Abhishek will occur from 9 to noon and also from 4:00 PM to 8 PM. Donations are welcomed for Shiva Ice sculpture. Bhajans will be performed by local artists. If you wish to participate in bhajans, please contact Dhirubhai Saparia.
For any questions regarding the celebration and/or sponsorship information, please contact:
Kinnari Patel: 609-230-4040  Dhirubhai Saparia: 856-287-1415
Bindu Ben: 856-996-5644

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Chaitri Navaratri Havan on Sunday March 18, 4-6pm at our Berlin Mandir
Dr. Ram Kamaldasji’s sermons

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.

BLOCK THE DATES: Swami Dr. Ram Kamal Dasjee sermons at our temple,


WEEK DAYS: Monday, May 7 to Friday May 11, Saturday May 12.

Time: Weekdays from 7 Pm to 8:30 Pm, Saturday, 10:30am to 1:30 pm.

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PROGRAMS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH
YOGA ABHYAS FOR HEALTH, HAPPINESS & GOD REALIZATION:
Contact: Veena Gandhi at 856-435-9148

GITA STUDY GROUP:
Every Tuesday 8-9 pm at our Mandir
Contact: Sharad Pimplaskar @ (856) 985-4785

BHAJANS & STUTI:
Every Friday, 7:30 -9 pm
Contact: Shree Shuklaji(856) 768-6785

REGULAR PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH
BALVIHAR: For children (PRE-K to 8th Grade) teaches Sanatana Dharma, Vedic Heritage and Indian Culture. Two Sundays a month from 10 am - 1 pm.
Contact: Malathi Shankar, Sagar Dalal, Samir Patel at -855-my-mandir ext 3 or bvadmin@indiatemple.org

YOUTH PROGRAM: A program for young adults (9th to 12th Grade).
Contact: Lalit Patel at -855-my-mandir ext 4 or youthadmin@indiatemple.org

CREATIVE ART WORKSHOP
1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday @ 9:30 am at our Mandir
Contact: Sudha Patel (856)489-4065  or art@indiatemple.org

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 note that 50% of the listed cost of Puja performed outside the temple goes to Pujari in addition to his regular salary. Please check temple availability at www.indiatemple.org; Click on “CALENDAR tab” and, from drop-down menu, Click on “EVENT/RENTAL CALENDAR”. Please contact Shri. Divyakant Parikh at 1-855-MY-MANDIR Ext 1 for the booking of the Temple Facilities and/or scheduling of Puja Services by Shuklaji or Sudhirji.
Please note that 50% of the listed cost of Puja performed outside the temple goes to Pujari in addition to his regular salary.

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B. From Ben Franklin Bridge:
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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 Ave.

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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 ($75) ______
         Individual or Family three year ($111) ______
         Individual or Family five year ($161) ______
         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 ______Life Seva ($301) ______Temple Renovations
         Seva Samiti Fund ______ Bal Vihar Fund ______ Youth Fund

[ ] I am relocating to the following address

Last Name: ______________________ First Name: ______________________
Spouse Last Name: _______________ Spouse First Name: _______________
Address: ________________________________________________________
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9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Evening
3 pm - 9 pm

Aarti
12 pm & 8 pm

Times may change during special occasions

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