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Religious Calendar

No. 4

March 31, Saturday Hanuman Jayanti, Purnima **April 12, Thursday** Varuthani Ekadashi, Shri Vallabhacharva Javanti April 16. Monday Somavati Amavas April 18, Wednesday Shri Parashuram Jayanti Akha Trij / Akshya Ťritiya April 20, Friday Shri Aadya Shankracharya Jayanti April 21, Saturday Sri Ramanujacharya Jayanti April 26, Thursday Mohini Ekadashi April 29, Sunday Vrat Purnima April 30, Monday Purnima Budhha Jayanti



April 21, Saturday Sunderkand Path 10am

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 31, Saturday Hanuman Jayanti at 5pm in temple April 8, Sunday Mata Ki Chowki at 3 pm at ICC April 21, Saturday Shri Vallabhacharya Jayanti at 3pm in temple April 22, Sunday Holi celebration at 2:15pm at Connolly Park

Please book these dates in your planner and join these major events with friends and families

VIKRAM SAMVAT 2074 / YEAR 2018—CALENDAR & Event Updates ONLINE -https://www.indiatemple.org/

If you would like to receive temple info & Satsang Sandesh via email, Please email vpinfo@indiatemple.org



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.

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.

٠	Babaria Ashok	Apr 02	Desh Raj Goel	Apr 16
٠	Gujrathi Urmila	Apr 02	Desai Shailendra	Apr 19
٠	Bhatt Narendra	Apr 03	Brunt Arpana & David	Apr 19
٠	Gandhi Kevin	Apr 03	Patel Arny & Deepal	Apr 20
٠	Sheth Surendra	Apr 04	Jain Nimisha & Rajen	Apr 22
٠	Patel Savitaben	Apr 06	Khurana Samir	Apr 22
٠	Pandya Dipti	Apr 08	Choksi Yogendra B.	Apr 22
٠	Shah Upen	Apr 12	Dube Neal	Apr 23
•	Patel Vaishali	Apr 13	Rao Ramachandra	Apr 25

India Temple Association

Presents

"MATA KI CHOWKI"

"Chalo Bulawa Aaya Hai Maata Ne Bulaya Hai" When: April 8, 2018, 3:00 PM Where: Indian Cultural Center (ICC) 820 Routes 73 Marlton, NJ Time: 3pm -7:00 pm

(Devi Puja: 3 pm, Bhajans: 4 pm - 6pm, Aarti: 6:30 pm, Bhandara: 7 pm)



LIVE BHAJANS/ MUSIC BY FAMOUS SINGERS FROM SOUTH JERSEY

ITA cordially invites family and friends to celebrate Chaitra Navratri at ICC. Join us on this auspicious occasion to obtain blessings of Mata Rani and Rejuvenate self with the positive vibrations.

Note: All Donations/Sponsorships are welcome for Mata Ki Chowki. For food, musicians, flowers, etc. Donations starting from \$101 and above shall be given "Mata Ki Chumri to offer" Please make checks payable to "ITA" or

For online donation: please go to below website and enter amount against "Mata hi Chowhi". In the memo field, please mention "Mata hi Chunri" if the donation amount is greater than 101.

https://www.indiatemple.org/donation form.php

For details please Contact Nidhi Agrawal (856) 520-3451 Sangeeta Rashatwar (609) 685-2755 Kinnari Patel (609) 230-4040 Dhiru Saparia (856) 287-1415 Nitin Khanna (267) 475-6932

PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS BY HSC OF NJ ICC, 820 RT 73, MARLTON, NJ

We will have two meetings at ICC 820 Rt. 73 South Marlton, NJ 08053 at 6.30PM:

First meeting will be on April 12, 2018 at 6.30 PM at ICC 820 Rt 73 S Marlton, NJ

Dr. Prasad Acharya, MD will talk about the diverse functions of the kidneys-causes of kidneys disease-symptoms of declining kidney functions-medical management of kidney disease-dietary issues with kidney disease-dialysis-kidney stones and ayurvedic meds and possible kidney issues.

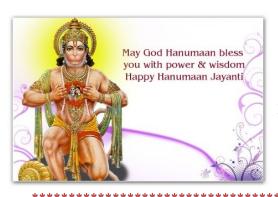
Dr. Acharya has his own private practice-Center for Kidney Care-in Hainsport/Burlington since 2003.

2nd Meeting will be on April 25, 2018 at 6.30 PM at ICC 820 Rt 73 S Marlton NJ

Chandan Modi and his TARANA Group will entertain us with their melodious Ghazals and Bhajans. Helping him are his students-Akash & Aditya Pillai, Pujan and Rushi Lad.

Chandan Modi is very active in our community and has been teaching music for the last 45 years and has a degree in music. If you want to sponsor for snacks, please call Manju Goel at 856-424-9028

Ram Arora, President **********



Hanuman Jayanti and Purnima Satyanarayan Pooja Saturday, March 31, 2018 at 5pm

Hanuman Jayanti is celebration of birth of Lord Hanuman. We are celebrating Hanuman Jayanti Saturday March 31 and we are doing it like last year reciting Hanuman Chalisa 11 times. We are organizing a wonderful program with melodious bhajans and celebrations at our temple. All of us will recite Hanuman Chalisa 11 times, and sing Kirtan, Bhajan, and Dhun along with Satyanarayan Pooja, Aarti and Mahaprasad.



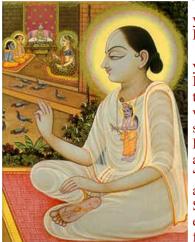
Prayers

We will be reciting Vishnu Sahasranamam and Lalitha Sahasranamam on Friday, April 6th 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.



<u>Vallabh Jayanti</u>

The Hindu Temple in Berlin will celebrate Vallabh Jayanti on Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. There will be a chanting of Pusti marg's Yamunasthaka, and other "PĀTHA", followed by melodious Kirtans. Mahaprasad will be served after the Aarti at 6:30 PM.



The Wednesday Gita Satsang Group and friends will sponsor the event at the Temple. If you are interested in taking part in the event, please call Amita Desai (856-751-2321), Bharti Sidhwad (856-424-5876), or Minu Desai (856-797-9444).

Shri Mahaprabhuji is the founder of religious sect called Pushtimarg. He was born in the year 1479 A.D. at a Champaranya village near Raipur in M. P. He is one of the foremost Indian philosophers taking the rank amongst the first class Acharyas who has expounded the school of Shuddha-advaita. Vallabhacharya heralded a new era of Bhakti-Marga, which teaches unswerving love toward God admitting everyone in the fold, irrespective of sex, cast or nationality.

Pushti Marga, the path of grace as founded by Shri Vallabhacharya is very easy to follow as a way of life by common people. Once you commit yourself to God by ritual of "Brahma-Sambanth", God takes care of you unconditionally. In Pushti Marg, Bhakti is not a means, but an end.

Shri Mahaprabhuji's son Shri Vitthalnathji also known as shri Gusaiji was the one who embellished "Seva Bhav" by offering worship to Shrinathji eight different time of the day from 'Mangla to 'Sen'. During their time, Ashta Sakha's Kirtan was devotional expression for their personal experience with the lord. When they were in the temple they witnessed

the 'Lila' and sang about what they saw. The Shrimad Bhagvata is the ripened fruit of all scriptural knowledge, but the Kirtan's of the Ashta sakha are the refined essence.

2018 I.T.A. SCHOLARSHIP

Purpose: To support the I.T.A. community by giving scholarships to graduating senior students who have demonstrated dedication and significant contribution to the I.T.A.

Description: Up to two scholarships worth \$1000 each will be awarded to graduating high school seniors whose families are current members of the I.T.A. Each will be renewable for up to 3 additional years based on meeting maintenance criteria and available funding. The scholarship can be used at a 2 or 4-year accredited institution for undergraduate studies related to tuition or books only.

Eligibility:

- Applicant's family must be a current I.T.A. member
- Demonstration of engagement at the Temple will be weighed heavily: examples are participation in Balvihar-Youth Program, volunteering at the Temple, participation in ITA sponsored events such as fundraising, cultural programs and community events, etc.
- Applicant must be a current senior at a local high school with plans to enroll full-time in an accredited 2 or 4 year college in the United States.
- A completed application form

Please email Anu Munshi-Khandhar at anu munshi@yahoo.com or call 614-832-1129 for details and scholarship application form.

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE: Postmark by May 15, 2018

Senior Social Group

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

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 and Dalapat patel: 609-298-2724

FREE YOGA CLASSES FOR ALL LEVELS **YOGA and Pranayam Classes at Berlin Mandir**

How do we stay physically and mentally HEALTHY? Yoga - done on regular basis is the answer. So come in large numbers and enjoy the yoga classes in the serene atmosphere of the temple.

Dr. Gandhi will resume yoga classes as of April. along with Hina Desai. Please review the schedule. Every Tuesday and Thursday at 9 am and Saturday at 8.30am. The class is usually 1 hour and 15 minutes. Come with yoga mat, on an empty stomach at least for 2 hours. Classes are free, but If you wish to give donation please give on the name of temple for providing us with the beautiful space.

April Tuesdays 3,10,17,24; at 9am April Thursdays 5,12,19,27; at 9am

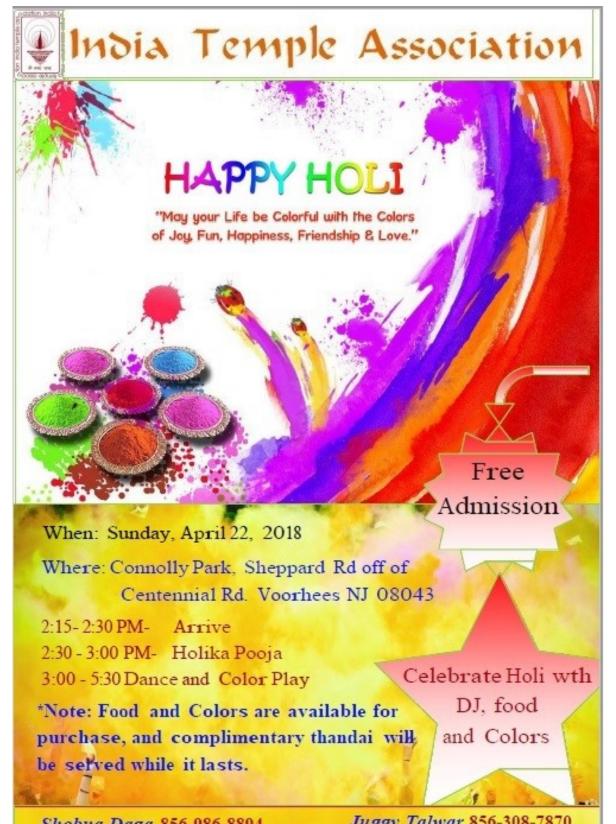
April Saturdays 7,14,21; at 8:30am

Contact: Dr. Veena S. Gandhi--- 856 435 9148, Hina Desai---856 424 1934

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Condolences

- ITA member and volunteer, Pinkesh Bharatia, Husband of Harsha Bharatia, Father of Satya, Rohan & Viraj Bharatia, Son of Dilip Bharatia, and Brother of Nikita Bharatia, passed away on March 16th. ITA, its Trustees and Advisory Board, extend their heart felt condolences to the Bharatia Family.
- Mr. Gordhanbhai Lotia, Father of Rajesh Lotia, passed away on March 16 in India. ITA and its Board extends its sincere condolences to Lotia Family.
- Dr. Kedar Kappor, Founding Member and Husband of Dr. Sheela Kapoor, passed away on March 19. ITA and its Board extends its sincere condolences to Kapoor Family.
- Mr. Haridra Medh, Father of Hardik Medh, passed away on March 21. ITA and its Board extends its sincere condolences to Medh Family.



Shobna Daga 856-986-8894 Sangeeta Rashatwar 609- 685-2755 Kshama Raghuveer 610-642-2875 Sagar Dalal 201-705-4466 Juggy Talwar 856-308-7870 Samir Patel 201-657-8661 Charu Sheth 856-662-8754 Kavita Gupta 856-863-6360



Monthly Pujas at Mandir SATYANARAYAN PUJA Saturday March 31 @ 5:00 PM and Sunday April 29 @ 6:00 PM Followed by Mahaprasad sponsored by Indian Vila Anyone can sit in this Puja and receive blessings of Lord Satyanarayan. Please contact Charuben at 856-662-8754 or Kshamaben at 707-332-3400 if you are planning to be Puja Participant. Suggested Donation of \$31 or more from Puja participants will be appreciated. SUNDARKAND PAATH Saturday, April 21 @ 10 AM to 12:00 Noon Followed by Mahaprasaad sponsored by Gagan Palace



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 <u>Bhakti</u> Path, Vedanta <u>Pravah</u> and <u>Manas Vandana</u>. Having a Ph.D. in Upanishads and MA in Hindi, he is an internationally known <u>"Kathakar</u>". 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,

Hindu temple, 25 East Taunton Ave, Berlin, NJ (website: www.Indiatemple.org)

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.

TOPIC: PHILOSOPHY OF ARAYANKAND

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Cherry Hill Collingswood

Ferry Ave

Haddon Heights

Pennsauken

Runnemede Voorhees

Westmont

Winslow

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For further information following, one may contact: Dr Amrut & Anju Nayyar 856 778 1781,

or Mr & Mrs Devandra & Ruchita Singh 609 248 5966 or Rakesh & Nila Kohli 856 751 8688.

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2018 Sites Schedule

Monday Feb 5-Apr 16	Tuesday Feb 6-Apr 17	Wednesday Feb 7-Apr 11	Thursday Feb 1-Apr 12	Friday Feb 2-Apr 13
*Barrington 10-1 *Haddon Heights 12-3 *Winslow 10-1 *Ferry Ave 10:30-1:30 *Closed Feb 19	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 March 30

2018 Site Locations

229 Trenton Ave	547-0706
35 E. Browning Road	931-1400
15 S, Black Horse Pike	228-0022
820 Mercer Street Room 208	488-7868
771 Haddon Ave	858-0649
852 Ferry Ave	342-9789
608 Station Ave	547-7132
5605 Crescent Blvd	665-5959
2 Broadway & Black Horse Pike	208-9983
203 Laurel Road	772-1636
15 MacArthur Blvd	854-2752
35 Coopers Folly Road	753-2537

For any Help, Please contact KIRAN DOSHI @ 609-405-2641

AARP TAX-AIDE IS A **FREE** SERVICE PROVIDED BY VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE BEEN TRAINED AND ARE CERTIFIED BY THE IRS AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO PREPARE INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX RETURNS, INCLUDING HOMESTEAD REBATE AND PROPERTY TAX REIMBURSEMENT (PTR) APPLICATIONS.

TAXPAYERS FILING PTR SHOULD HAVE THEIR FORM CERTIFIED BY THE APPROPRIATE TAX ASSESSORS OFFICE PRIOR TO COMING TO THE AARP SITE.

AARP TAX-AIDE IS AVAILABLE TO ALL TAXPAYERS WITH MIDDLE OR LOW INCOME, WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO TAXPAYERS AGE 60 AND OLDER.

COMPLEXITY OF A RETURN WILL DETERMINE OUR ABILITY TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE.

TAXPAYERS MUST BRING <u>SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS AND PHOTO ID</u> FOR THEMSELVES AND ALL DEPENDENTS, ALONG WITH A COPY OF THEIR PRIOR YEAR RETURN AND ALL RELATED AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR BOTH INCOME AND EXPENSES.

RETURNS ARE PREPARED AND FILED ELECTRONICALLY.

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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PUJA SERVICE **	TEM- PLE	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	TEMPLE FACILITIES USAGE FEE:
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	OTHER CHARGES
Vastu Puja - outside service only	N/A	\$251	\$51. travel charges for 25 to 50 miles
Wedding Grah Shanti	\$201	\$301	\$101 travel charges for 51 to 100 miles
Wedding Ceremony per day	\$301	\$351	\$51 Non-member charges
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 Divyakant parikh @ (856) 745-

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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 9:00 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

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