

# Satsang Sandesh

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**MARCH 2018** 

### **Religious Calendar**

March 1, Thursday Holikadahan / Purnima March 2, Friday Dhuleti / Holi March 13, Tuesday Papmocani Ekadashi March 18, Sunday Chaitri New Year / Gudi Padavo / Ugadi Chaiti Chand, Chaititri Navratra Havan 4pm March 24, Saturday Akhand Ramayan Paath Starts March 25, Sunday Shri Rama Navami. Shri Sahajananda Javanti Akhand Ramayan Paath Concludes March 27, Tuesday Kamada Ekadashi March 31, Saturday Hanuman Jayanti, Purnima March 1, Thursday @ 6pm March 31, Saturday @ 6pm Shri Satyanarayan Puja

March 17, Saturday Sunderkand Path 10am

### UPCOMING EVENTS

March 18, Sunday Chaitri Navaratri Havan 3:30-6pm at temple March 24, Saturday Akhand Ramayan Paath Starts March 25, Sunday Akhand Ramayan Paath Concludes Shri Rama Navami Celebration in temple March 31, Saturday Hanuman Jayanti at 6pm in temple April 8, Sunday Mata Di Chowki at 3 pm @ ICC April 21, Saturday Shri Vallabhacharya Jayanti at 3pm in temple April 22, Sunday Holi celebration at 2:30pm at Connolly Park

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.

### **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.

•	Raj and Anita Chopra	Mar. 01 Rima Gandhi	Mar. 15
•	Jashwantlal Mehta	Mar. 01 Troy Hudson	Mar. 17
•	Lakshmi Pillalamani	Mar. 01 Bhanumati Mehta	Mar 18
•	Anisha Desai	Mar. 08 Jaysukh Sheth	Mar. 19
•	Shashi Gupta	Mar. 08 Dinesh Desai	Mar. 20
•	Sharad Pimplaskar	Mar. 09 Vinnu Shah	Mar. 23
•	Chandubhai Patel	Mar. 11 Aarav Shah	Mar. 28
•	Harshad Patel	Mar. 12	

Mar. 14

Nishtha and James Hudson

### CHAITRA NAVRATRI -VASANT NAVRATRA

The word "Navaratri" is a conjunction of two words "nava" (meaning "nine") and "ratri" (meaning "night"). Spread over 9 nights and 10 days, it is one of the most sacred festivals in Hinduism where we worship Goddess Durga or Shakti, which represents the energy of the universe, in her 9 beautiful forms with great reverence. During the period of 9 days of Navratri, 9 forms of Durga, called *nav-durga*, are worshiped in the following order: Shailaputri, Bhrahmacharini, Chandraghanta, Kushmanda, Skandamata, Katyayani, Kaalratri, Maha Gauriand Siddhidatri

Navaratri is celebrated 4 times in a year. Vasanta Navaratri, Ashad Navaratri, Sharad Navaratri and Magha Navaratri. Out of these four Navaratri, two are most popular and significant.

Vasanta or Chaitra Navaratri: This Navaratri is celebrated during the Shukla Paksha of Chaitra, which is between March to April. The beginning of this Navaratri also marks the start of the New Year as per Hindu Lunar Calendar. Maharastrians celebrate the first day this Navaratri as GudiPadwa. Ninth day of this festival people celebrate the birthday of Lord Shri Rama as "RamaNavami". This Navaratri is mostly celebrated in North India and Western India.





### Sunday March 18, 2018 Chatri Navratri Havan from 3:30 to 6:30pm.

Program Details:

3;30 pm – 4:30 pm Purva Puja

4:30 pm – 5:30 pm Havan

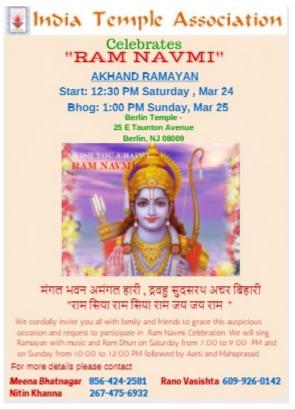
5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Garba

6:00 pm Aarati followed by Maha Prasad

Donations and Sponsorships are welcome for Yajman and Maha Prasad starting from \$150 and above.

For more details please contact: Ghanshyam Dave (856-366-7500), Kinnari Patel (609-230-4040), Shudhirji Jha (856-905-9858), Binduben (856-996-5644).

We would really appreciate Your help in the singing of Ramayana and preparing food during entire 24 hours. Please bring your copy of Ramayan.



## PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS BY HSC OF NJ

### ICC, 820 RT 73, MARLTON, NJ

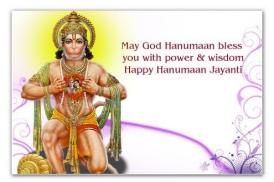
We will have one meeting in the month of March on 14th at 6.30 PM at ICC:-

How the US Government Functions-An interactive Q & A Session. Our Moderator, Dr. Mahesh Kumar will discuss in a lively interactive session where the audience will help answer questions on Branches of Govt., the election process of Congress & the President, Electoral College, State's Autonomy Congress & the Senate Structure, Filibuster, Impeachment, Govt's Fiscal Budget, GDP, National Debt and any other topic you like to discuss.

Dr. Mahesh Kumar is an engineer by profession and works for a defense company. He lives in Cherry hill and has an innate interest in the working of the US Govt. Last year, he briefed the Seniors on GPS work.

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 6pm

Hanuman Jayanti is celebration of birth of Lord Hanuman. We are celebrating Hanuman Jayanti Tuesday April 11 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 followed by Aarti and Mahaprasad.

### Vallabh Jayanti

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 (751-2321), Bharti Sidhwad (424-5876), or Kirti Doshi (424-8046)

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.

### Rang Barsey!!!! Holi Color Play and Celebration -



April 22 Sunday, 2:30 pm at Connolly Park in Voorhees, NJ. Join us to celebrate Holi, Festival of Colors with all your friends and family. Enjoy the live DJ. Entry will be free, color and food will be available for purchase.

### 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 <u>will be weighed heavily</u>: 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 <u>anu munshi@yahoo.com</u> or call 614-832-1129 for details and scholarship application form.

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE: Postmark by May 15, 2018

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## **HEAD START**

Title: Bought, Sold, and Held - Lessons Learned from the Stock Market Game

**Topic:** Stock Market Game Conclusion **Speakers:** Samir K. Patel / Zeel Patel

Date: 5-630pm on Sunday, March 25th, @ ICC Of South Jersey in Marlton, NJ

Program Coordinators: Parth Chauhan (856)304–7345 & Samir Patel (201)657-8661

**Topic Detail:** The Stock Market Game has been going on for the last few months, and the market has had its shares of ups and downs! We will be ending the game at 4pm on Friday, March 16; there will be no more trades after that date. We will use the 25th to reveal the winner of the games, to recap what we have learned, and of course, to hand out some real money to our winners! Samir and Zeel will discuss the market and some of the different trading strategies, and the winners will share their secrets as well. Join us for the second installment of Head Start's financial literacy series. Even if you missed our first session or did not participate in the game, this will be a valuable talk on the workings of the stock market. We are looking forward to seeing everyone!

### MATA DI KI CHOWKI JAI MATA DE

Navratriis the Hindu festival of nine days dedicated to the glorification of Shakti, the feminine form of the Divine. The actual worship of the Goddess Durga as stipulated by the Hindu scriptures falls in the month of Chaitra, which roughly overlaps with March or April and is called Basanti Durga Puja. During this auspicious time, mother goddess is worshipped in nine different forms, the three forms of the goddess -Durga, Lakshmi and Saraswati. The first three days are tamasic, the next three rajasic, and the last three sattvic. These nine days are a reminder symbolizing victory of positivity over negativity. It is the awakening of the Divinity – that quality of the Mother Divine which does not negate anything, yet nurtures the good qualities.



This year Navratri dates, during Chaitra month are – from March18th to March26th.

We will be celebrating this auspicious festival by doing "MATA KI CHOWKI" on Sunday April 8th, 3 pm to 6 pm followed by Bhandara at ICC.

Pooja: 3pm to 3:30 pm

Mata ke Bhajan will be presented by South Jersey Group from 4pm to 6 pm.

Aarti: 6:30 pm; Bhandara: 7 pm.

Sponsors -- Welcome for Mata Ki Chowki.

For more information or sponsorship, pls contact:

Nidhi Agrawal (856) 520-3451, Sangeeta Rashatwar (609) 685-2755, Kinnari Patel (609) 230-4040, Nitin Khanna (267) 475-6932.

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### **Prayers**

We will be reciting Vishnusahasranamam and Lalithasahasranamam on Friday, March 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.



### **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.

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

Every Thursday at 10:00 to 11:15 am

Please bring your mat.

Instructor: Hina Desai; Cell phone# 856-495-5864

### **Condolences**

Kiran Bhatt, husband of Renuben Bhatt, and the founding member of ITA, passed away on February 5, 2018 in India during his short visit. ITA and its Board extend their sincere condolences to the Renuben's family.



### Monthly Pujas at Mandir SATYANARAYAN PUJA

### Thursday, March 1 and Saturday March 31 @ 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, March 17 @ 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 <a href="mailto:Bhakti">Bhakti</a> Path, Vedanta <a href="mailto:Pravah">Pravah</a> and <a href="mailto:Manas Vandana">Manas Vandana</a>. Having a Ph.D. in Upanishads and MA in Hindi, he is an internationally known <a href="mailto:"Wathakar"</a>. 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.

AARP	Tax-Aide	Camden Distri	ct	
FOUNDATION	TO A SERVICE	2018 Sites Sche	dule	
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 Bellmawr 11- *Haddon Heights 12-3 Cherry Hill 10- *Winslow 10-1 Voorhees 11-		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
*Ferry Ave 10:30				* Closed March 30
*Closed Feb 1	9			
		2018 Site Locati	ons	
Barrington	Municipal Building - Council Chambers	229 Trenton Ave	547-0	706
Bellmawr	Public Library	35 E. Browning Road	931-1	400
Blackwood:	Public Library	15 S, Black Horse Pike	228-0	022
Cherry Hill	Municipal Building	820 Mercer Street Rooi	m 208 488-7	868
Collingswood Public Library		771 Haddon Ave	858-0	T. 17.
Ferry Ave Public Library		852 Ferry Ave	342-9	S
Haddon Heights		608 Station Ave	547-7	
Pennsauken Public Library Runnemede Senior Center		5605 Crescent Blvd	665-5	7.7.7.
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Voorhees	Public Library	203 Laurel Road	772-1	
Westmont Public Library		15 MacArthur Blvd	854-2	2.75)
Winslow Public Library		35 Coopers Folly Roa	d 753-2	53/

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.

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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 <a href="https://www.indiatemple.org">www.indiatemple.org</a>; 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.

PUJA SERVICE **	INSIDE TEM- PLE	OUTSIDE TEMPLE	Following listed fees and charges are in addition to the charges listed for Puja Services
Archana(Panchopachar)	\$11	N/A	<del>-</del>
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			

NOTE: Charges and availability of other Puja Services not listed above may be discussed with Divyakant parikh @ (856) 745-9676

#### **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.



## Committee

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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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I /We would like to join India Temple A	ssociation and I/We are remitting the membership dues
(please select one) Individual or Family one	year (\$75)
Individual or Family three	e year (\$111)
Individual or Family five	e year (\$161)
Life (\$1,001)	
I I/ We are seniors, age 65 and above and emitting the membership dues (please select one) Individual or Family Five Life (\$101)	would like to join India Temple Association. I am/We are e year (\$25)
I am adding additional donations:	Cave (\$201) Tample Denovations
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I am relocating to the following address	
Last Name:	First Name:
Spouse Last Name:	Spouse First Name:
Address:	
Telephone: E-mail:	:
Spouse Telephone:	Spouse E-mail: