



Satsang Sandesh

India Temple Association, Inc.

Hindu Temple, 25 E. Taunton Ave, Berlin, NJ 08009
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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

March 1, Thursday @ 6pm
Shri Satyanarayan Puja

February 17, Saturday
Sunderkand Path 10am

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.

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	Feb. 03	Neel Kadakia	Feb. 17
• Akshay Amin	Feb. 06	Surendra Bagaria	Feb. 19
• Narendra Amin	Feb. 06	Ghanshyam Dave	Feb. 20
• Kiran Doshi	Feb. 07	Maya & Mason Doshi	Feb. 20
• Naresh Talati	Feb. 07	Gopal Patel	Feb. 23
• Rushikesh Parghi	Feb. 13	Priti Patel	Feb. 23
• Jadev Gajera	Feb. 14	Satish&Sulochana Patel	Feb. 24
• Vaishali & Rajubhai Patel	Feb. 16	Champak Patel	Feb. 25
• Jagdish-Maya Shah	Feb. 16	Manoj Shah	Feb. 26

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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.

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

Rajeev Jain, son of Mr. & Mrs. Dev and Krishna Jain passed away January 20, 1018. 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 Hansvahini, 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 shubhravastraavritha.
 Yaa veenavara dandamanditakara,
 Yaa shwetha padmaasana.
 Yaa brahmaachyutha shankara
 prabhritibhir Devaihsadaa Vanditha,
 Saa Maam Paatu Saraswatee
 Bhagavatee Nihshesha jaadyaapahaa.

Om Tat Sat

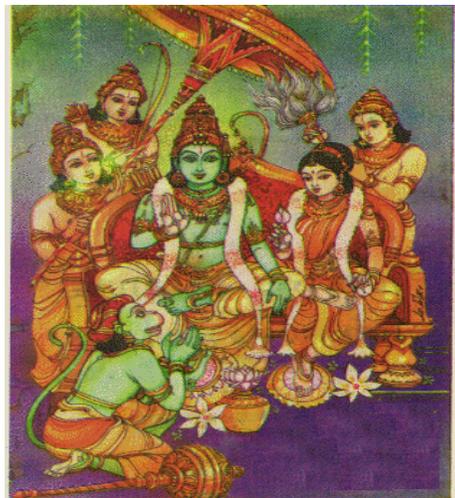


Prayers

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.



CHAITRA NAVRATRI JAI MATA DE Celebrations at temple



As this Navratra coincides with Ram Navami, it also referred as Ram Navatri. 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

ITA Recognizes and Appreciates The 2017 Major Donors

Families Donating (\$1000+)

Akshay Amin
Ramanuj & Varsha Bangad
Mittal & Anjaki Chheda
Mahavirsinh & Varshaba Chudasama
Manmohan & Shanta Daga
Thakor & Neema Dahya
Dunkin Donuts

Maganlal V & Hansa Kanzaria
Harbans & Santosh Khurana
Sanjay Kotha
Atma & Sushama Kulshreshtha
Manishkumar & Sejal Mistry
Arvind & Malti Patel
Asvin & Aruna Patel
Bhavesht & Tejal Patel

Gopal & Geeta Patel
Harshad & Bhanu Patel
Samir & Urvashee Patel
Tushar & Ami Patel
Subhash & Sangeeta Rashatwar
Dhiru & Usha Saparia
Ashwin & Ritu Sehgal
Hemendra Singh

Families Donating (\$5000+)

Surendra & Sheela Bagaria

Rishi & Avani Gora-Gandhi

Divyakant & Pratima Parikh

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



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

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





**Monthly Pujas at Mandir
SATYANARAYAN PUJA
Thursday, March 1 @ 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, February 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 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,

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.

Camden District				
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				
Barrington	Municipal Building - Council Chambers	229 Trenton Ave	547-0706	
Bellmawr	Public Library	35 E. Browning Road	931-1400	
Blackwood	Public Library	15 S. Black Horse Pike	228-0022	
Cherry Hill	Municipal Building	820 Mercer Street Room 208	488-7868	
Collingswood	Public Library	771 Haddon Ave	858-0649	
Ferry Ave	Public Library	852 Ferry Ave	342-9789	
Haddon Heights	Public Library	608 Station Ave	547-7132	
Pennsauken	Public Library	5605 Crescent Blvd	665-5959	
Runnemede	Senior Center	2 Broadway & Black Horse Pike	208-9983	
Voorhees	Public Library	203 Laurel Road	772-1636	
Westmont	Public Library	15 MacArthur Blvd	854-2752	
Winslow	Public Library	35 Coopers Folly Road	753-2537	

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 SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS AND PHOTO ID 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.

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	
Vahan (Vehicle) Puja	\$21	N/A	
Namakaran/Annaprashan	\$51	\$101	
Birthday	\$51	\$101	
Shraddha	\$51	\$101	
Anniversary Celebration	\$101	\$151	
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	
Vastu Puja - outside service only	N/A	\$251	
Wedding Grah Shanti	\$201	\$301	
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	

TEMPLE FACILITIES USAGE FEE:

Prayer Hall: \$200

Social Hall: \$300

OTHER CHARGES

\$51. travel charges for 25 to 50 miles

\$101 travel charges for 51 to 100 miles

\$51 Non-member charges

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.



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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*

PLEASE REVIEW YOUR ADDRESS LABEL AND RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP BASED ON EXPIRATION DATE OR SUPPORT ITA WITH YOUR ENROLLMENT IF YOU ARE NOT IDENTIFIED AS A MEMBER

**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 _____ Lifetime 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: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Spouse Telephone: _____ Spouse E-mail: _____