



Satsang Sandesh

India Temple Association, Inc.

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Religious Calendar

August 3, Thursday
 Putrada Ekadashi
 August 7, Monday
 Rakshabandhan/Nariyari
 Punam/Shravani Upakarma
 Prayog
 Rudrabhishek in Temple at
 10am-12pm and 6-830pm
 10am Yagnopavit Upkarna
 4-6pm Satyanarayan Puja
 August 12 Saturday
 Nag Panchami
 August 14 Monday
 Rudrabhishek in Temple
 10am-12pm and 4-730pm
 Shitala Satam
 August 15
 Janamashtami Pooja
 August 18 Friday
 Aja Ekadashi
 August 21 Monday
 Rudrabhishek in Temple
 10am-12pm and 4-730pm
 Last day of Shravan Maas
 August 22 Tuesday
 Bhadrapad
 August 24 Thursday
 Kevada Trij
 August 25 Friday
 Ganesh Chaturthi
 Ganesh Sthapan

Monthly Bhajans

August 11, Friday 7:30pm-9pm
 · Shriji Bhajan
 Urmi Upadhyay
 856-424-9328
 Charu Sheth
 856-662-8754

**August 7, Monday
 Shri Satyanarayan Puja
 is at 4 pm**

**August 19, Saturday
 Sunderkand Path 10am**

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 7 Monday- Rakshabandhan & Satyanarayan Narayan Puja

August 15 Tuesday - Janamashtami celebration starting with children program at 3:30 to Lat Aarati midnight

August 21 Monday - Somvati Amavasya, last day of Shravana, Falahar prasad will be offered after evening Aarati

**Ganesh Utsav from August 25 Sthapan to August 29 Visarjan
 TIRANGA Sunday September 10th at ICC from 12pm - 6pm**

**Special General Body Vote to Approve New ITA By-Laws
 September 17th 4-7pm at ICC**

**Children's Navratri September 17th 2:30—5:00 pm @ ICC
 NAVRATRI 2017 September 21st –September 30th**

Ravan Dahan on Friday October 6th from 6 pm at ICC

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

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.

Amita Desai	Aug 05 Sheth Charu & Jaysukh	Aug 17
Shailendra Desai	Aug 05 Sindvad Snehal	Aug 17
Mahesh Tekrival	Aug 07 Kanzaria Maganbhai	Aug 18
Lingraju Nagraj	Aug 10 Tejas Patel	Aug 20
Khaitan Shree	Aug 10 Patel Babubhai	Aug 24
Dixit Mahesh	Aug 11 Kanzaria Mitul	Aug 26
Desai Kiran	Aug 15 Talati Sangita & Paresh	Aug 27
Patel Akshaykumar	Aug 15	
Shah Nisarg	Aug 15	
Dave Ghanshyam	Aug 17	

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

We will have two meetings at ICC -- 820 Rt. 73 Marlton NJ 08053

Our first meeting will be held on August 10, 2017 at ICC at 6.30 PM

It is Janamashtami Week and we will celebrate this occasion with Krishna Bhajans and Nand Bhayo Masti. Dhiraj Sapria and his group (Gita Sapria, Nitin Khanna, Aditya, Akash Pillai and Meet Patel) will entertain us on this "Ek Shamm Krishna Ke Naam."

Our 2nd Meeting will be held on August 23, 2017 at 6.30 PM at ICC Rt. 73 Marlton, NJ 08053. Understanding the Israel Program---a historical, geographical and current over-view of Israel and the Middle East.

Our presenter, David Snyder is the Executive Director of JCRC Since November 2009 and has been a Jewish Communal professional for the last 24 years.

If you want to sponsor for snacks, please contact Manju Goel at 856-424-9028

Ram Arora, President

Ravan Dahan ITA Dussehra Festival on Friday October 6th 2017 from 6 pm at ICC



ITA celebrates Dussehra on Friday October 6th at 6 pm at the ICC. There will be a Musical Ramayana Play presented by Hindi USA students.

Raavan Dahan Bigger and better.

Food Fun for the whole family.

For information contact Sangeeta Rashatwar 609-685-2755,

Jagdeep Talwar 856-308-7870

Rashmi Julka 856- 873-6447

Om Namó Bhagavaté Vasudevaya Namah

Remember, our Vedic Rishis words, "All be Happy and be Prosperous". If maximum numbers of people in a society (city, state, or country) are happy, then that society is happy and prosperous. One easy way is to chant Sri Vishnu Sahasranama and do good work. Experience has shown that an individual chanting VSN alone makes him/her calm and happy. If this chanting is done as a part of a Satsang, then one feels his/her happiness elevated to another level, and the satsang group feels very positive and happy (multiplying effect). By spreading the word, collectively we all can do Sri Vishnu Sahasranama chanting across the Globe for world harmony and peace. In this connection, on Saturday September 23, 2017 at 9:30 AM at our Mandir. We all get a chance to participate in the Same Time Satsang across different countries in the world. Thanks for your time and help, and please spread the word.



Invitation to Join, Marlton Gita Study Group, Meets every Tuesday at 8:00pm

The Group will begin studying Bhagavad Gita: Chapter 2 Saankhya Yogah: Yoga Of Knowledge



Arjuna wanted to know if there are answers to the dilemma that was drowning him in sorrow. Knowing that Arjuna's problem is born of a delusion natural to all human beings, Lord Krishna begins to unfold the vision of the Vedanta, that is called Sankhya, meaning 'that which can be completely known'. Thus, the second chapter is named 'Sankhya Yoga'.

What is this vision of the Vedas? Lord Krishna says it makes a wise person see that his birth and death are only the apparent realities of his being and therefore, do not become a cause for his despair. The true reality of an individual does not change through the various stages of his life-time nor through the many lives of that individual; just like a person removing old clothes and taking up new ones. This reality is the source of every personality. This reality, referred to as 'I' by the person, is known as Atma and it is opposite of the nature of his body, mind or senses. While one continues to experience the of changing of body and mind causes distress, fear, anxiousness, and many more negative emotions are cured only by knowing the immortal truth of the self.

72 verses of the CHAPTER 2 covers teachings of the entire Gita.

For more information contact, Lata Pimplaskar latap1215@gmail.com or call 856-985-4785

**Special General Body Vote to Approve New ITA By-Laws
September 17th 4-7pm at ICC**

Current ITA By-Laws were written 35 years ago when the ITA was a smaller organization. As a result of the dedication and hard work of the Founders and subsequent leaders, the Association has flourished and grown significantly. The ITA now serves a much larger membership base and oversees a substantial number of events and programs. However, the organization's Founders are aging and greater participation from the next generation is needed. Recognizing these challenges, the Board of Trustees, Advisory Board and Special By-Laws Committee have worked with a broad group of stake holders to revise the By-Laws to better address ITA's current and future needs. The revised By-laws will benefit the ITA by facilitating smooth generational transfer, streamlining ITA operations and implementing additional measures to protect the assets of the ITA.

Our intent is to ensure that the membership has an opportunity to make an informed decision. We are offering the General Body a number of avenues to learn more about the proposed changes. A copy of the Proposed and Current By-Laws can be found on the ITA website: <https://www.indiatemple.org/itatruster.php>. Informational sessions will be held on August 27th at 3:30pm at the Berlin Temple in the Prayer Hall and on September 10th at 11am at Marlton Middle School in the Cafeteria. Additionally, copies of the By-Laws will be available for review and By-Law Committee Members will be available to answer questions at the Special General Body Vote. By-Laws Committee members can also be contacted directly with questions: Kiran Desai (856) 217-3400, Rakesh Kohli (856) 751-8688, Rina Patel (856) 313- 5235, Dahya Patel (856) 269-0367, Divyakant Parikh (856) 745- 9676 and Samir Patel (201) 657-8661.

Sincerely,

Ishwar Chauhan	Shobna Daga	Sagar Dalal	Dinesh Depani
Kiran Desai	Pankaj Desai	Vinita Ganju	Praveen Garg
Ramesh Gupta	Rakesh Kohli	Anu Munshi	Divyakant Parikh
Bhavesh Patel	Gopal Patel	Harshad Patel	Lalit Patel
Rina Patel	Samir Patel	Kshama Raghuveer	Sangeeta Rashatwar
Dhiru Saparia	Charu Sheth	Surendra Sheth	Paresh Talati
Shukla Vidya	Vishal Vasisth	Ramesh Viswanathan	



**NAVRATRI 2017
WHERE and WHEN !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**September 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28
Indian Cultural Center (ICC)
820 Rt 73 South, Marlton
7:30 PM to 11:00 PM**

**September 22, 23, 29, 30 and Sharad Purnima
(Venue to be announced)**



CHILDREN (7 to 17)
7 and Under FREE
Above 7
\$5 Sun to Thurs
\$10 Fri/Sat
Season Pass: \$35 at gate
\$30 online purchase

ADULTS (18-64)
\$5 Sun to Thurs
\$10 Fri/Sat
Season Pass: \$40 at gate
\$35 online purchase

SENIORS (65 and above)
\$5 Sun to Thurs
\$10 Fri/Sat
Season Pass: \$35 at gate
\$30 online purchase

**ONLINE SEASON NAVRATRI TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED ONLINE FROM AUGUST 15
AT WWW.INDIATEMPLE.ORG/NAVRATRI.PHP**



**Monthly Pujas at Mandir
SATYANARAYAN PUJA
Monday, August 7 @ 4-6 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, August 19 @ 10 AM to 12:00 Noon

Followed by Mahaprasaad sponsored by Gagan Palace



ITA Balvihar Program Enrollment for 2017 -2018 Year Opens on July 1st Program

Purpose: To teach Vedic Heritage and Indian Culture to children (Pre-K to 8th Grade).

Curriculum Summary:

Pre-K-Children 4+ - Hindu Art, Shlokas/Songs/Story (class full)

KG (Meghaa) - Stories from Panchatantra, Indian Festivals

1st (Saagar) - Stories from Puranas, Intro. to Gods/Goddess, Intro. to India

2nd (Vaayu) - Bala Bhagavatam, Stories of Saints, Intro. to India II

3rd (Pavan) - Ramayana, Important Indian Historical Figures

4th (Aakash) - Mahabharata I, History: Mauryan Dynasty

5th (Gagan) - Mahabharata II, History: Gupta Dynasty/South Indian Empires

6th (Agni) - Values, Analysis of Ramayana/Mahabharata characters, History: Mughal dynasty

7th (Marut) - Principles of Hinduism & Ishvara, History: British Rule

8th (Medhaa) - Religious Disciplines, Culture, Tradition, Vedic Chanting, Evolution of civilization

Timing: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM on 17 Sundays starting on September 10th and ending on May 6th

Location: Marlton Middle School (150 Tomlinson Mill Road, Marlton, NJ)

Fee: \$202 (ITA MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED)

Please explore the Balvihar webpage for the calendar, curriculum and greater program details.

The website is https://www.indiatemple.org/bal_vihar.php.

Questions? Email balviharenrollment@gmail.com or call Samir Patel at 201-657-8661

EKAL HEALTH - HFRI – (Part of Ekal Abhiyan)
Invites you for...POWER OF HEALTH GALA EVENT

Please join very interesting, informative and joyful program, "Power of Health Gala" on Aug.13th, Sunday, at Holiday Inn (spectrum) in Philadelphia from 9.30 am to 1 pm, lunch to follow, with the mission of Ekal Health initiatives for the health of villagers in Remote and Tribal areas of India. Contact: Dr. Veena S. Gandhi-856 435 9148 or Mrs. Sangita Rashatwar-609 685 2755.

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.

YOGA Classes at Berlin Mandir FREE YOGA CLASSES FOR ALL

With the inquiry from few people , I am ready to offer yoga classes.
Aug. Tuesdays-1,8,15,22 and Sept. Tuesday-5,12,19,26 at 10 to 11.15 AM
Aug. Thursday-3,10,17 and Sept. Thursday-7,21 at 10 to 11.15 AM
Aug. Saturday-5,19 and Sept. Saturday-9,23,30 at 8.30 to 9.15 AM

In case of any emergency, there will be substitution class. Regards with thanks, Veena S. Gandhi

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

Children's Navratri September 17th 2:30—5:00 pm @ ICC

Join us for an afternoon of garba and raas just for kids!



Including:

- Small group garba and raas instruction
- Slower paced music to facilitate learning
- Less crowded environment
- Live musicians & singers
- Navratri related crafts
- Child friendly prasad and Aarti

Online Tickets ONLY / NO tickets at door
www.indiatemple.org/childrens-navratri-ticket.php
Adults \$11 / Children \$7

DON'T MISS OUT! ONLY 300 TICKETS AVAILABLE

For questions and additional information contact:

Samir Patel: 201.657.8661
Shashank Sheth: 732.604.8956

Sagar Dalal: 201.705.4466
Vidya Shukla: 610.703.1710

Seva Samiti



“Compassion does not mean to be solicitous to someone who appears to be stray, imperfect, or needy. It means to see that person as we see ourselves, as unique human beings with wants, hopes, needs, dreams, and desires.” Gail Pursell Elliott

Namaste Friends,

Thankfully our community in South Jersey has grown and receive more requests for help. I would like to begin and strengthen the Outreach Program but it's not possible without community help. Below is the list of things that members may need help:

- Visiting homes or hospitals; Finding Governmental help through research, phone calls etc.; Providing ride.
- Just calling and giving your ear. (All the information must be kept confidential); Creating flyer to reach H1B visa holder community that residing in numbers in certain apartments complex.
- Please, join to give Seva Samiti a helping hand. We need you, community needs you.

TIRANGA

**A Celebration of Diversity
September 10th, 2017
At ICC from 12pm - 6pm
Free Admission**

Live Band and Karaoke

Fun, Food, Games, Fashion Shows, Shopping and Many More Surprises!



India's Independence Day 2017

With your family and friends please share patriotic spirit on Independence Day of our mother country.

Happy Independence Day!!!!

Janamashtami will be celebrated at our Mandir on Tuesday August 15



Bal-Krishna-Leela-Special program for children from 3:30pm - 5:00pm.

Children will come dressed as Gopal and Gopi. Please contact Charu Sheth at sheth_charu@yahoo.com or Dhiru Saparia at dannysaparia@verizon.com for details.

3:30pm - 3:45pm, Greet Children

3:45pm - 4:30pm, Baal Gopal activities. Krishna dance performances.

4:30pm - 5:00pm, Special Baal Krishna Jhula - Aarti- Matki Celebration & Prasad.

Evening festivities:

5:30pm - 6:00pm, Puja of Lord Krishna.

6:00pm - 7:45pm, Bhajans

7:45pm - 8:00pm, Utsav **Yajman bring Lala & Nand Bhayo

8:00pm - First Aarti;

9:30pm - Second Aarti

12:00am- Midnight Krishna Pragtya Aarti

Sponsorship is welcome. If you would like to participate in Bhajans, please contact Dhiru Saparia at 856-287-1415

If you would like to sponsor or participate in Lalla festivities, please contact Binduben at 856-996-5644 or Charu at 856-662-8754.





**ITA invites you to celebrate Ganesh Utsav
August 25th - August 29th, 2017**

Receive blessings, remove obstacles

Ganesh Sthapan & Puja: August 25th.

5:30 Ganesh procession from temple parking lot to the alter followed by puja, Aarati and Maha prasad

August 26 - August 29

12:00pm Ga.nesh Archana and Aarati performed followed by temple Aarati.

6:30pm Samuhik Ganesh puja will start followed by Aarati and Prasad.

Visarjan August 29 after Ganesh puja.

Donations are welcome. To sponsor puja and prasad or for more information, please contact Anoo Joshi at 856-616-2460 and anoojoshi@gmail.com. Or Charu Sheth at 856-662-8754 and sheth_charu@yahoo.com

**PROGRAMS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH
YOGA ABHYAS FOR HEALTH, HAPPINESS &
GOD REALIZATION:**

Contact: Vina 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 @ Marlton Middle School Contact: Malathi Shankar (856) 424-7849 or Bhavesh Patel 1-855-my-mandir ext 3.

YOUTH PROGRAM: A program for young adults (8th to 12th Grade) and parents. Two Sundays a month from 9:45 am - 1 pm at our Mandir. Contact: Praveen Garg (856) 783-4692 or Sangeeta Rashatwar (856) 424-4211

CREATIVE ART WORKSHOP

1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday @ 9:30 am at our Mandir

Contact: Sudha Patel (856)489-4065

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 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: _____