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Religious Calendar

March 8, Wednesday
 Amalaki Ekadashi
 March 12 Sunday
 Holikadahan / Purnima
 March 13, Monday
 Dhuleti / Holi
 March 24, Friday
 Pappmochani Ekadashi
 March 28, Tuesday
 Chaitri New Year / Gudi
 Padavo / Ugadi
 March 29 Wednesday
 Chaiti Chand
 April 01, Saturday
 Akhanda Ramayan Paath

Monthly Activities
 Kshamatemple@gmail.com

March 03, Friday
 Vishnu Sahasranaam

March 12, Sunday
 Shri Satyanarayan Pooja
 3:30pm

March 18, Saturday
 Sunderkand Path 10am

Monthly Bhajans

Shriji Bhajan
 Winter Recess till April
 Urmi Upadhyay 856-424-9328
 Charu Sheth 856-662-8754

March 17 Friday 8-9 pm
 · Satya Sai Baba of Medford
 P.K.Prabhakar 856-596-3147
 Sessa Vemuri 856-751-0867

March 12, Sunday
 Shri Satyanarayan Pooja 3:30pm

March 18, Saturday
 Sunderkand Path 10am

BHAJAN PROGRAM BY CHANDAN MODY AND HIS LITTLE CHAMPS SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 5:00 PM

Chandan has been a dedicated teacher and ITA Volunteer. He has created many little artists from our community in last decade. He has been personally providing his services to our temple for more than 20 years. Please plan ahead to be in temple on this day and enjoy melodious bhajans and music from Chandan and his students.

Sri Rama Navami

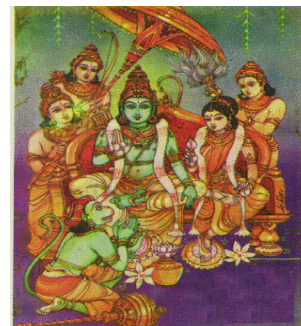
Sri Raghavam Dasharadhatmajam aprameyam
 Sitapathim Raghukulanvaya Ratna Deepam;
 Aajanubahum Aravinda Dalayathaksham
 Ramam Nishachara Vinashakaram Namami

Date : Saturday, April 1 starting at 11am

Akhand Ramayan Patth: Ram Navmi Celebration

Temple observances will begin on Saturday April 1 at 11 am. After Ram Navmi Pooja, the reading of Ramayan will begin at 12.30 pm. The Mahaprasad will be provided after the Poorna Ahuti on Sunday. Ramayan is

with music along with Bhajan and Kirtan from 5-8 pm on Saturday April 1 and from 10-12 noon on Sunday, April 2. 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.



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	
• Nishtha and James Hudson	Mar. 14	

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

Please see our WEB CALENDAR on www.indiatemple.org and see schedule day and time for this class on Saturday Mornings. It will cover soft but complete exercise, pranayama and short meditation. There may be another YOGA CLASS FOR BACKACHE for an hour in weekday morning, provided there is enough interest.

Please call Dr. Veena S. Gandhi at 856-435-9148.

Although classes are free, participants can donate money to ITA for Dr. Gandhi's valuable time.

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

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

We will have one meeting on march 16, 2017 at 6.30 PM at ICC 820 Rt. 73 Marlton

To enjoy wealth, one must have sound health. If you wish to be in good shape, you have to follow some nutrition guidelines. To discuss this topic, we have Dr. Nidhi Aggarwal, Ph.D. who has 20 years experience in this field. She will talk about wellness and nutrition as it relates to Senior's with emphasis on Heart Health.

Dr. Aggarwal works for a health-care company where she manages 13 nursing homes, 2 psychiatric hospitals, 2 adult-care centers and one assisted-living facility. She also teaches at Camden County College and participates at BAPS Cherry Hill in their health fair.

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

Ram Arora, President

"Chalo Bulawa Aaya Hai Maata Ne Bulaya Hai"

When: Saturday May 6, 2017.



Mata Ka Jagran

Where: Berlin Temple, 25 E Taunton Avenue, Berlin NJ 08009

Time: 4pm -7 pm (Mata ka Darbar followed by Aarti & Mahaprasad)

Donations and Sponsorships are welcome for Mata Ki Chowki starting from \$101 and above for food, musicians, flowers, etc. Donors shall be given "Mata Ki Chunari to offer".

For more details please contact: Nidhi Agrawal (856) 520 3451, or Danny Saparia (856) 287 1415, or Kshama Raghuvver (707) 332-3400 or Nitin Khanna (267) 475 6932.



The Hindu Temple in Berlin will celebrate Vallabh Jayanti on Sunday, April 23, 2017 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.

HEAD START SPEAKER SERIES

The ITA & ICC are co-sponsoring a monthly speaker series for community youth focused on enhancing their professional and academic knowledge. Our goal is to create a forum where the next generation can benefit from the experiences, relationships, and mentorship of successful individuals. Once a month we will have speakers that pre-sent on a specific topic or discuss their career path. The speakers will be individuals of diverse backgrounds that are interested in serving as mentors and advisors. We hope that this information transfer and mentor relationships will help them make better career decisions.

Topic: Building Skills for Innovative Industries

Speaker: Mukesh Patel, Professor of Social Innovation at Rutgers University

Date: April 2nd, 2017 Time: 5 – 6:30PM Location ICC Cost: Free

Program Coordinator: Parth Chauhan (856) 304 – 7345 / parth@hgfarms.org /

Samir K. Patel- (201) 657 8661 / samirkpatel@yahoo.com

Topic Detail: All industry sectors are experiencing revolutionary transformation due to new technologies, innovations, automation, and changes in workforce and consumer behaviors. New opportunities, positions and roles are being created. Students need to leverage new insights, develop skills, and build networks to take advantage of these emerging opportunities.

ITA Seva Samiti



“A simplest act of kindness is by far more powerful than a thousand heads bowing in prayer.”

— Mahatma Gandhi

Namaste friends, Welcome to The New Year of Seva! ITA Seva Samiti is in its 9th Year. We, the Seva Samiti volunteers are proud of its work and grateful to ITA Trustees for their continued support.

As we enter into the new year, it's natural to look back to what we have accomplished and what we have missed. Since the inception of ITA Seva Samiti, we have done many projects and have recognized weaknesses and

strengths of our community and volunteers.

Over the last two years we focused on making our community's pet projects stronger and it has worked well. Those projects are: Winter Coat Collection, Food Pantry, American Cancer Society Walk, Sandwich program for Youth, Hospice coordination, Funeral services, Inter-faith dialogues, and taking care of emergencies or personal needs of our community members. Though I'm happy about our 8 years of work, I know we could do better. If you join us, perhaps, we can go one more milestone in the work of Seva. ere are two problems we are always faced with: How to identify community's needs, and once we have identified, how to find resources such as manpower and funds. To discuss this and other Seva Samiti matters, I will appreciate if you could join in for a upcoming meeting on Sunday, March 26th, @ 2PM at the Temple. Let's join hands. We can't solve all the problems of the world but we can get the warmth from each hand to move forward.

Jai Shree Krishna! Yours, Lata Pimplaskar Volunteer, ITA Seva Samiti

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **"Akhand Ramayana"** starts on Saturday April 1 at our Berlin Mandir for 24 hours followed by **Maha-Aarti and Mahaprasad** on Sunday April 2nd.
- **Chaitri Navaratri Havan** on Tuesday April 4, 4-6pm at our Berlin Mandir
- **Shri Rama Navmi Celebration** at our Berlin Mandir on Wednesday, April 5
- **Shri Vallabh Jayanti Celebration** at our Berlin Mandir on Sunday, April 23
- **Rang Barsey-Holi Celebration** at ICC on Sunday April 30
- **Mata di Chowki** at our Berlin Mandir on Saturday, May 6
- Please book these dates in your planner and join these major events with friends and families.

SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY JUNE 23rd, 2017

EKAL brings " EK SUR EK TAAL " variety of dances performed by Ekal Teachers. Tickets: \$35 (incl.Dinner) Venue: Lenape H.S. Auditorium. Details to follow. For details go to ekal.org website.



**Monthly Pujas at Mandir
SATYANARAYAN PUJA
Sunday, March 12 @ 3:30 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 Kshamaji 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 18 @ 10 AM to 12:00 Noon

Followed by Mahaprasaad sponsored by Gagan Palace



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 HOME-STEAD 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. Locations and Timing:

Barrington Municipal Bldg, 229 Trenton Ave, 856-547-0706 Every Monday 10 AM-1 PM , Feb 6 to April 17
Bellmawr Public Library, 35 E. Browning Rd, 856-931-1400, Every Tuesday 11AM tto 2PM, Feb 7 to April 11
Blackwood Public Library, 15 S Black Horse Pike, 856-228-0022, Every Friday 10AM to 1PM, Feb 3 to April 14
Cherry Hill Municipal Bldg, 820 Mercer St, 856-488-7868, Every Tuesday and Friday 10AM to 2PM, Feb3 to April 14
Collingswood Public Library, 771 Haddon Ave, 856-858-0649, Every Friday 12PM to 4PM, Feb 3 to April 14
Camden Ferry Ave Public Library, 852 Ferry Ave, 856-342-9789, Every Monday 10:30AM to 1:30PM, Feb 6 to April 17
Haddon Heights Public Library, 608 Station Ave, 856-547-7132, Every Monday 12PM to 3PM, Feb 6 to April 17
Pennsauken Public Library, 5605 Crescent Blvd, 856-665-5959, Every Wednesday and Thursday 1PM to 4PM, Feb 1 to April 13
Runnemede Senior Center, 2 Broadway and Black Horse Pike, 856-208-9983, Every Thursday 11AM to 2PM, Feb 2 to April 13
Voorhees Public Library, 203 Laurel Road, 856-772-1636, Every Tuesday and Thursday 11AM to 2PM, Feb 2 to April 13
Westmont Public Library, 15 MacArther Blvd, 856-854-2752, Every Tuesday 12PM to 4PM, Feb 7 to April aa
Winslow Public library, 35 Coopers Folly Road, 856-753-2537, Every Monday and Wednesday 10AM to 1PM, Feb 1 to April 17
CALL KIRAN DOSHI AT 856-424-8046 OR 609-405-2641 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, INCLUDING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FOR HANDICAP AND/OR INDIAN LANGUAGES

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.

Examples from Ramayana and other scriptures will be provided at the following time and dates at our temple. Monday, May 1, through Friday, May 5 From 7pm to 8:30pm; Saturday, May 6 From 10:30am to 12:30pm. For Further inquiry pl call Drs. Amrit & Anju Nayar at 856-778-1781, Or Devendra & Rachita Singh at 609-248-5966 Or Rakesh & Nila Kohli at 856-751-8688.

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**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.**

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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	<u>TEMPLE FACILITIES USAGE FEE:</u>
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	<u>OTHER CHARGES</u>
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) 745-9676

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 (\$51) _____
Individual or Family five year (\$151) _____
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: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____