

# Satsang Sandesh

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**AUGUST 2016** 

## Religious Calendar

- August 3 Wednesday
  Rudrabhishek in Mandir
  10am-12pm, 4-7:30pm
  Shravana Maas first day
  August 7 Sunday
- · Nag Panchami August 8 Monday
- · Rudrabhishek in Mandir 10am-12pm, 4-7:30pm August 15 Monday
- · Bharat Independence Day
- · Rudrabhishek in Mandir 10am-12pm, 4-7:30pm August 18 Thursday
- · RakshaBandhan/ Shravani Upakarma Prayog / Narivari Punam

August 22 Monday

- Rudrabhishek in Mandir 10am-12pm, 4-7:30pm
- August 24 Wednesday
- · Shitala Satam
- August 25 Thursday
- · JANAMASHTAMI
- August 28 Sunday
  · Aja Ekadashi

September 5 Monsday

· Shri Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration Starts

#### Monthly Bhajans August 5, Friday 8pm

 Vishnu Sahasranama Parayanam

Kshamaben 707-332-3400 August 12 Friday 7:30pm

Shree Ji Bhajan
Urmi Upadhyay 856-424-9328; Charu Sheth 856-662-

Ausust 19, Friday 8-9pm

 Satya Sai Baba of Medford

Dave Ghanshyam

P.K. Prabhakar 856-596-3147; Sesha Vemuri 856-751-0867 "KARAOKE NIGHT - A Seva Samiti Fundraiser @ Relay 2016 Saturday, August 6th at 7pm"

India's Independence Day Celebration 2016 Sunday, August 14th Time: 2pm - 6pm

Satyanarayan puja on Thursday, August 18th, at 6pm

Sunderkand Path on Saturday, August 20th, at 10am

Janamashtami Celebrations on Thursday, August 25th

Celebrate Ganesh Utsav September 5<sup>th</sup> – September 15<sup>th</sup>

Our Hindu calendar is available for viewing at www.indiatemple.org. Please select Calendar, followed by option 'Vikram Samvat 2072'. The Calendar has two parts. After the initial name page, next two pages are summary of the entire year's event. Rest of the details are laid out by month.

#### **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	

Aug 17

#### **Condolences**

Smt. Hasumati Indubhai Bhatt, age 90, passed away on July 1, 2016. She is survived by 3 sons, 3 daughters, 13 grand children and 8 great-grand-children. ITA and its Board extends its sincere condolences to their family.

Sri. Chandubhai Rawal, age 92, passed away on July 8, 2016. He is survived by 1 daughter, 3 sons, 5 grand children and 8 great-grand-children. ITA and its Board extends its sincere condolences to their family.

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#### Hindu Senior Citizens of South Jersey August 2016 Meeting Announcement www.Hinduseniors.com

Venue:- ICC 820 Rt. 73 Marlton, NJ 08053 We will have two meetings in August

August 11, 2016 .... Energy Medicine..... Current Concepts & Application

in daily life... What is Energy Medicine? How does it differ from Allopathic or other forms of Medicine? What benefits can one get that is not in Conventional Medicine?

To answer all these interesting questions, we have today's presenter Dr. Kalind Bakshi, MD, FACS, BCC, COL; a retired Vascular Surgeon; a master Life and professional coach and a trainer; Tai-Chi & Qi gong Instructor. Dr. Bakshi practiced vascular surgery for 30 years and then studied Holistic Medicine. His areas of interest are Aging Process & Staying Young, Energy Medicine, genetics. He has extensive coaching experience in Health Wellness. EFT, Weight Management and Stress Mastery.

August 24, 2016....SENIOR NIGHT by the Seniors, for the Seniors and of the Seniors. Our members will sing Bhajans, Bollywood songs, will recite Kavitas, Jokes and other funny incidents. Will dance, play musical instruments and perform acts which will please their colleagues. HAVE FUN AND ENJOY THE NIGHT!

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

Ram Arora, President

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#### From Me to You

#### Pranams.

The Vedas proclaims, 'let noble thoughts come from all sides'. Sage Ashtavakra declares inspirationally, 'If a man truly believes he is Brahman (understanding deeply all its implications) and hence ever free, and conducts oneself or lives as if he were already free, then he indeed becomes free ere long'! Such indeed is the power of conviction and the power of Abhyaasa. For such a conduct itself is an Abhyaasa of an intense kind. Buddha's very last words of advice in earthly life were, 'Strive after liberation with diligent practice'. Sri Ramakrishna said delightfully 'Your self-effort is akin to unfurling the sails, to catch the wind of Grace that is ever blowing gently'.

To paraphrase Bhagavan Ramana's benign assurances, 'All your difficulties are only imagined. The thought of obstacle is itself the obstacle. For the obstacle does not lie outside such thought. If anything, thought itself is the obstacle. Simply drop all thoughts. Remain as you are, without allowing the ego to rise. Focus on the Self. Do not ever lose heart. Practice is necessary, there is Grace!'

Let us use our Mandir as the abode of spiritual vibrations where the Lords' Grace is freely flowing for all. Let us spend every single moment of our life in realizing and attaining the true Self within us and be One with this universe. I am.

Ramesh Viswanathan

# KARAOKE NIGHT!!! An ITA SEVA SAMITI FUNDRAISER

Sewa Samiti
India Temple Association
Service Group

ITA's Seva Samiti wraps up the 2016 Relay event for American Cancer Society with our final fundraiser

#### A KARAOKE NIGHT!

Join in to Karaoke with The Melodious Group of singers. Sing along your favorite old and new Bollywood songs. Enjoy a great evening of dinner and music, while raising funds for a great cause. Be a part of this community event. All proceeds benefit American Cancer Society. See flyer for more details.

WHAT: KARAOKE NIGHT - It's an ITA SEVA SAMITI Fundraiser

WHEN: Saturday, August 6th 2016 at 7pm.

WHERE: Carriage House Restaurant -1219 Gibbsboro Road, Voorhees, NJ 08043

Tickets: Regular Only: \$25, Senior Citizens: \$20

Contact: Lata (856)985-4785 Sangeeta (609)685-2755 Jalpa (856)478-0156 Chetna (732)322-6212



#### **IASJ Presents**

India's Independence Day Celebration 2016
Please come with your family and friends and let us celebrate
the Independence Day of our mother country.

A wonderful variety show including patriotic songs and dance will be presented by local artists. Whoever wishes to perform on that day, please contact Ranjana Purohit(856-232-0292) OR Mayur Choksi (856-429-3684)

Venue: Washington township senior Center Hall.

315 Greentree Road, Sewell, NJ 08080

Day: Sunday, August 14th 2016. Time: 2pm - 6pm.

### Janamashtami will be celebrated at our Mandir on Thursday August 25.

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 September September 5<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016

# Receive blessings, remove obstacles

2 FEET-TALL GANPATI MOORTI

Ganesh Sthapan & Pooja: September 5th at 6:00 pm Sthapana procession from temple parking lot to temple followed by Pooja, Arati and group chanting of Atharva Shirsha.

September 6th- 15th Day time - Archana and Arati performed at noon time followed by temple arati.

September 6th - 14th Evening time - Ganesh Puja will start at 7:30 pm followed by group singing of Atharva Shirsha and Ganesh arati. Followed by temple arati. Week end timings will be flexible.

September 11th - Special festivities are scheduled at Marlton Middle School with our Bal Vihar children at noontime.

Visarjaan: September 15th at 6:00pm Ganesh Puja and Visarjan.

Donations are welcome. To sponsor Prasad or for more information, please contact: Charu Sheth at 856-662-8754 and

Sheth\_charu@yahoo.com or Sangeeta Rashatwar at sangeetarashatwar@gmail.com







### Monthly Pujas at Mandir

It is a pleasure to read Sunderkand Path on Saturday August 20, at 10 am and to perform Satyanarayan puja on Thursday August 18, at 6pm at our Temple with family and friends.



We invite you to join us and perform Satyanarayan puja every Purnima day with family and friends and receive the blessings of Almighty God. Donations are welcome. Suggested donation is \$ 31. It is followed by Mahaprasad generously sponsored by Indian Villa.



Please join us for Sunderkand Path held on third Saturday of each month. Mahaprasad generously sponsored by Gagan Palace.

Jai Krishna, Kshamaben

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#### ITA Balvihar Program Enrollment for 2016 -2017 Year Open

Program Description: ITA Balvihar Program teaches Sanatana Dharma, Vedic Heritage and Indian Culture to children in Pre-K to 8th Grade. A brief overview of the curriculum by grade is below:

Pre-K (Prithvi) - Hindu Art, Shlokas/Songs/Story

KG (Meghaa) - Stories from Panchatantra, Indian Festivals

1st (Saagar) - Stories from Puranas, Introduction to Gods/Goddess, Introduction to India I

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

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

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

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

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

7th (Marut) - Principles of Hinduism & Ishvara, British Rule in India and the after effects

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

Timing: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM on 17 Sundays starting on September 11th and ending on May 7th

Location: MARLTON MIDDLE SCHOOL (150 Tomlinson Mill Road, Marlton, NJ)

Registration Fee: \$201 covers books, school rental, and lunch.

We ENCOURAGE YOU TO REGISTER EARLY as it makes it easier for us to plan and ensures that your child secures a spot. Please explore the Balvihar webpage for the calendar, curriculum and greater program details. The website is https://www.indiatemple.org/bal\_vihar.php. For registration questions, please email ita.balvihar@gmail.com or contact Shashank Sheth at 732-604-8956

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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 YOGA Classes

Dr. Veena Gandhi will give free YOGA CLASSES FOR ALL starting in August every Saturday at 8:30-9:45 AM. It will be soft but complete exercise, pranayama and short meditation. Classes are free, but if anyone gives any donation, it will go to our temple.

There will be another free YOGA CLASS FOR BACKACHE on Wednesday at 11 AM for an hour, provided there is enough interest. Please call Dr. Veena S. Gandhi at 856-435-9148.

# Programs for Seniors in South Jersey

Day	Program	Time	Meeting location	Contact infor- mation
Monday				
Tuesday	Senior Social Group (SSG)	1:00pm to 3:00pm	Hindu Temple 25E Taunton Ave. Berlin, NJ	Bhulabhai Bhakta (856) 983-0769
	Gita Study Group	8:00pm to 9:00pm	Hindu Temple 25E Taunton Ave. Berlin, NJ	Sharad Pim- plaskar (856) 985-4785
	Learn Hindi	7:00pm to 8:15pm Sept. 13, 2016 to June. 13, 2017	Beck Middle School, 950 Cropwell Road, CherryHill, NJ	Richita Singh (609) 248-5966 Jay Jain (856) 236-6272
Wednesday	Yoga and Long Kriya -Art of Living	6:30pm to 8:00pm	1 Lucas Lane Voorhees, NJ	(856) 477-3155
Thrusday	Hindu Senior Citizen of South Jersey (HSC of NJ)	Every other Thursday 6:30pm to 8:30pm	Indian Cultural Center (ICC) 820 Route 73, Marlton, NJ	Ram Arora (856) 629-6720
Friday	Bhajans and Stuti	7:30pm to 9:00pm	Hindu Temple 25E Taunton Ave. Berlin, NJ	Shri Shuklaji or Shri Sudhirji (856) 768-6785
Saturday	Yoga and Long Kriya -Art of Living	8:30am to 10:30am	1 Lucas Lane Voorhees, NJ	(856) 477-3155
	Vedanta Society of New Jersey	3:00pm to 5:00pm	704 Sommerdale Road Voorhees, NJ 08043	
	Sunderkand Path	3rd Saturday of the month 10:00am	Hindu Temple 25E Taunton Ave. Berlin, NJ	Shri Sudhirji (856) 768-6785
Sunday	Swadhay	10:30am to 11:30am	1000 Holy Oak Drive, Voorhees, NJ	Dinesh Naik (856) 489-1138
	Vedanta Society of New Jersey	3:00pm to 5:00pm	704 Sommerdale Road Voorhees, NJ 08043	
	BAPAS Shri Swa- minarayan Mandir Sunday Sabha	4:00pm to 7:00pm	1 Carnegie Plaza, Cherry Hill, NJ	
	Yoga Abhyas for health, happiness and God realiza- tion	First Sunday of every month 9:30am to 11:30am	Hindu Temple 25E Taunton Ave. Berlin, NJ	Surendrabhai Sheth (856) 985-3700
Once a month	Satyanarayan Pu- ja	Consult 'Satsang Sandesh' monthly newsletter from India Temple As- sociation	Hindu Temple 25E Taunton Ave. Berlin, NJ	
Wednesday	Satsang - religious book reading	8:00pm to 9:00pm	Private	Private

#### **Programs for Your Spiritual Growth**

#### YOGA ABHYAS FOR HEALTH, HAPPINESS & GOD

**REALIZATION:** A program for adults on

Yogasana, Pranayam & Meditation.

First Sunday: 9:30 -11:30 am at our Mandir Contact: Surendra Sheth@ (856) 985-3700

#### **GITA STUDY GROUP:**

Every Tuesday & Wednesday, 8-9 pm at our Mandir Contact: Sharad Pimplaskar @ (856) 985-4785

#### **BHAJANS & STUTI:**

Every Friday, 7:30-9 pm

Contact: Shree Shuklaji or Shri Sudhirji (856) 768-6785

# Regular Programs for Children and Youth

**BALVIHAR:** For children (PRE-K to 8<sup>th</sup> 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 <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.

PUJA SERVICE	INSIDE TEMPLE	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	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	OTHER CHARGES
Satyanarayan Puja	\$121	\$151	
Engagement Ceremony	\$101	\$201	MILEAGE AND TRAVEL TIME TIER
Havan/Grah Shanti	\$201	\$251	
Vastu Puja - outside service only	N/A	\$251	\$0 for 1 - 25 mile radius
Sunderkand Path	\$151		
Wedding Grah Shanti	\$201	\$301	\$51 for 26 - 100 mile radius
Wedding Ceremony per day	\$301	\$351	\$101 for 101 - 150 mile radius
Upanayan/Yagnopavita	\$251	\$301	
Antim Rites (Funeral Service)	Voluntary Don	ation	\$151 for 151 - 200 mile radius
Uttar Kriya per day - outside service only	N/A	\$101	NON-MEMBER
Yagna/Laghu Rudra - outside service only	N/A	\$351	
Navchandi Yagna - outside service only	N/A	\$651	\$51 for non-member surcharge

# NOTE: Charges and availability of other Puja Services not listed above may be discussed with Smt. Charu Sheth at 1-855-MY-MANDIR Ext 1

#### DIRECTION TO BERLIN TEMPLE

#### A. From Tacony Bridge:

Take NJ route 73S; drive for about 12 - 13 miles and follow signs for East Taunton Avenue. Temple is on your right

#### B. From Ben Franklin Bridge:

Take route 30E to NJ route 70E to NJ route 73S, drive for about 7 miles and follow signs for East Taunton Avenue. Temple is 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 Avenue

#### D. From Central and North Jersey:

Take NJ Turnpike South. Exit 4 for route 73S. Drive for about 10 - 11 miles and follow signs for East Taunton Avenue 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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MEMBERSHIP BASED ON EXPIRATION DATE OR SUPPORT ITA WITH YOUR
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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: