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Religious Calendar

- May 1 Sunday**
 • Shri Vallabhacharya celebration
- May 3 Tuesday**
 • Varuthani Ekadashi / Shri Vallabhacharya Jayanti
- May 8 Sunday**
 • Shri Parashuram Jayanti
- May 9 Monday**
 • Akha Trij / Akshya Tritiya
- May 11 Wednesday**
 • Shri Aadya Shankracharya
- May 12 Thursday**
 • Shri Ramanujacharya Jayanti'
- May 17 Tuesday**
 • Mohini Ekadashi
- May 21 Saturday**
 • Purnima/Shri Budhha Jayanti

Monthly Bhajans

- May 6, Friday**
 • Vishnu Sahasranama Parayanam @ 8 pm
- May 13 Friday 7-8pm**
 • Shree Ji Bhajan
 Urmi Upadhyay 856-424-9328; Charu Sheth 856-662-8754
- May 20, Friday 8-9pm**
 • Satya Sai Baba of Medford
 P.K. Prabhakar 856-596-3147 ; Sessa Vemuri 856-751-0867

HOLI MANGAL MILAN VENUE: ICC; TIME: May 1, 3 PM

The Hindu Temple in Berlin will celebrate Vallabh Jayanti on Sunday, May 1, 2016 from 3:00 to 6:00pm

Sunderkand Path on Saturday May 7, at 10 am

Bal Vihar and Yuva Darshan Annual Day
 Saturday, 14 May 2016; 1:00 PM

Satyanarayan puja on Saturday May 21 at 3:30pm

ITA GRADUATION YAGNA
 Sunday June 5th, 2016 @4 PM

Talks by Swami Viditatmanada

Monday & Tuesday, June, 6th & 7th, from 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Dr. Ram Kamaldasji's sermons Monday, June 20—Friday, June 24 From 7pm to 8:30pm; Saturday, June 25 10:30am to 12:30pm

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.

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|------------------------|---------------------------------|--------|
| • Nanu Maisuria | May 02 Sushil & Kamala Chandra | May 19 |
| • Narendra H. Amin | May 05 Sharad Pandya | May 19 |
| • Harendra Dave | May 05 Upendra & Rekha Shah | May 25 |
| • Rajubhai Patel | May 05 Priti & Tejas Patel | May 26 |
| • Shreyansi M. Shah | May 08 Siddhi Vasa | May 26 |
| • Sudhaben Patel | May 09 Mahesh Dixit | May 26 |
| • Bhal Patel | May 10 Pooja & Jayesh Khatiwala | May 27 |
| • Iti Bar | May 11 Naresh Talati | May 27 |
| • Narsinh Sangani | May 15 Isvar Patel | May 28 |
| • Natwarlal Contractor | May 16 Nishta Patel-Hudson | May 28 |
| • Ruchi Talati Shah | May 16 Dipti & Monil Pandya | May 29 |
| • Mahendra Jaiswal | May 17 Jayanti & Kalaben Patel | May 29 |
| • Upendra & Rekha Shah | May 17 Jayant Pandya | May 31 |

From Me to You

Pranams!

Let us talk about silence. The objective of reading/listening to all the spiritual books and discourses is to seek that elusive silence. Do know that silence is not a fixed mental state. Nor is it an object to be captured and molded as per our wishes. It is elusive and free of limitations.

As Bhagvan Ramana Maharishi says, 'A person may refrain from speech in order to avoid the obstacles of the outer world, but he/she should not consider that to be an end in itself. True silence is really endless speech; there is no such thing as attaining it because it is always present. All you have to do is to remove the worldly cobwebs that enshroud it; there is no question of attaining it.'

We read the words of our Guru and wait and listen for a hint that will transform us. The words touch the core of our heart and resonate in affirmation. For the message to be heard correctly, it should not be drowned with needless explanations but rather lived in quiet joy. It should be the song that should be replicated within us until it consumes us. We have to sing our Guru's song and we should BE the SONG.

Let the deities of our Mandir bestow on us the grace and wisdom to hear and assimilate the words of our Gurus and guide us towards salvation.

Yours truly,
Ramesh Viswanathan

HINDU SENIOR CITIZENS OF SOUTH JERSEY

www.hinduseniors.com

Venue: _ ICC 820 Rt 73 Marlton,NJ 08053

Meeting On May 12,2016- will dwell on different aspects of Estate Planning-Living Wills, Probate-Living and after death, Wills and Trusts ,Power of Attorney for financial and health Care. It will be followed by a Question/Answer session. The speaker, Jay Cohen represents Legacy Assurance Plan ,a family run estate panning services co. Mr. Cohen has been in the estate planning field for 16 years and has executed over 1500 plans, helping countless families and their heirs.

Meeting on May 26,2016-Lauren Kelton ,MSN, RN, who is the Executive Director of Season's Hospice in Hamilton ,NJ will talk about a VERY DIFFICULT SUBJECT-HOSPICE CARE .She will discuss a wide variety of End Of Life Issues ,some of the unique programs that can add quality to the individual and family's end of life experience- dispelling some of the myths and how Season's can be a good partner in Care- Honoring Life-Offering Hope. It will be followed by a Question/Answer session.

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

Ram Arora President

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](tel:8569830769) for details.

Notary Service- The following ITA members provide Free Notary Service to our community:

- Ghanshyam Dave of Marlton. (H) 856-596-7531 ghanu44@aol.com
- Raman Modhera of Voorhees. (H)856-528-2863 rvmodhera@gmail.com
- Dalpat Patel of Columbus. (H)609-298-2724 imperialin@aol.com



ITA Seva Samiti walks with the Marlton chapter of the American Cancer Society on Save the date June 4, 2016 – Chetna Giyanani at chetnatemple@gmail.com heads this effort and can provide all the details regarding venue, registration, sponsorships, etc. Our group raised the highest amounts in past years and we hope to do even better this year.



Mark your calendar for Saturday May 21st for the EKAL fund raising Program- " EK SHAAM EKAL KE NAAM" For details go to ekal.org website. Ekal Vidyalaya of South Jersey presents a mesmerizing event of Bollywood Songs If any question, please call Harshad Mehta at 856 -776 -6840



Monthly Pujas at Mandir

It is a pleasure to perform Satyanarayan puja on Saturday May 21 at 3:30pm and read Sunderkand Path on Saturday May 7, at 10 am 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 Saturday of each month. Mahaprasad generously sponsored by Gagan Palace.

Jai Krishna, Kshama



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.



This year's sermons will be on "Philosophy of Uttarkand."

Examples from Ramayana and other scriptures will be provided at the following time and dates at our temple.

Monday, June 20, through Friday, June 24 From 7pm to 8:30pm; Saturday, June 25 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.

The Hindu Temple in Berlin will celebrate Vallabh Jayanti on Sunday, May 1, 2016 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.

Bal Vihar and Yuva Darshan Annual Day

When Saturday, 14 May 2016; 1:00 PM
Where Thomas Harrington Middle School, Mt. Laurel, 514 Mt Laurel Rd, Mt Laurel
Notes Door will close at 1:00PM. Program will start at 1:15 pm sharp.

Talks by Swami Vidadatmanada
Monday & Tuesday,
June, 6th & 7th, from 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM
At Our Temple in Berlin, NJ



Topic: Knowledge & Devotion

Devotion is not apart from knowledge. When I understand things, devotion automatically arises in me. When I understand that everything belongs to Him, an attitude of humility and devotion arises in me. When I recognize that everything is done for me, a spirit of returning the favor arises in me. What we call devotion is, thus, never apart from knowledge. It is knowledge that brings about this attitude which we call devotion. Therefore a devotion born of understanding is a sustaining devotion, whereas a devotion that is born without any understanding can easily go away; if something happens that I do not understand, that devotion can go.

Sri Swami Vidadatmanada

Sri Swami Vidadatmanada, a disciple of Sri Swami Dayananda Saraswati, expounds Vedanta with a simplicity and directness that make it easy to assimilate. Having lived and worked in the United States prior to becoming a renunciate, Swami Vidadatmanada is familiar with the lifestyles in India and the West. With his insight into both cultures, he reaches out to everyone with equal ease. Swami Vidadatmanada graduated in 1978 from the course taught by Pujya Swamiji in Bombay, India. Since then he has been extremely active, teaching, writing books and preparing Pujya Swamiji's words for publication. He visits the Gurukulam every year during spring/summer and conducts classes. Under the banner of Adhyatma Vidya Mandir, Swami Vidadatmanada conducts various programs to disseminate the knowledge of the scriptures. He gives talks on the Upanishads and the Bhagavad Gita all over Gujarat, India. He also conducts management seminars with a view of showing the relevance of Vedanta in management. Swami Vidadatmanada's Tatvatirtha Ashrama is situated in the western outskirts of Ahmedabad in Gujarat. As its name suggests, it is a center for learning the Tattva, i.e. the truth. For info call Lata 856-985-4785 or email latap1215@gmail.com



ITA GRADUATION YAGNA
Sunday June 5th, 2016 @4 PM

WHAT: A community celebration for graduates of all levels - all milestones (*Elementary, Middle, High School, College graduate, Post graduate*)

Puja of all the deities — Yagna Havan, ITA Essay Scholarship Award, Graduate recognition, Aarti, Mahaprasad (dinner)

WHEN: Sunday June 5th 4-6 PM

WHERE: Hindu Mandir, 25 E Taunton Ave. Berlin, NJ 08009

RSVP: Ramesh Gupta 2011.ramesh.gupta@gmail.com By Friday June 3rd

DONATION: Suggested \$51 per family

PARKING: *There is ample Free parking two blocks from the mandir (on Haines and Garwood) on left hand side in the Berlin Borough Municipal Lot.*



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

BAL VIHAR: For children (ages 4-13), to promote a

positive Hindu identity within the diverse U.S. culture.

2nd & 4th Sunday @ 10 am - 1 pm

Contact: Malathi Shankar (856) 424-7849, and Bhavesh Patel 1-855-my-mandir ext 3 for registration and location

YOUTH PROGRAM: A program for young adults (ages 13-18) and parents. 2nd & 4th Sunday, 9:45 am - 1 pm at our Mandir.

Contact: Praveen Garg at (856) 783-4692 or Sangeeta

Rashatwar at (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.**

| 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 | |
| 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 | |
| Sunderkand Path | \$151 | | |
| 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 |
| | | | MILEAGE AND TRAVEL TIME TIER |
| | | | \$0 for 1 - 25 mile radius |
| | | | \$51 for 26 - 100 mile radius |
| | | | \$101 for 101 - 150 mile radius |
| | | | \$151 for 151 - 200 mile radius |
| | | | NON-MEMBER |
| | | | \$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**

**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: _____

