

# Satsang Sandesh

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**AUGUST 2013** 

#### Religious Calendar

August 02 Friday

- Kamika Ekadashi August 07 Wednesday
- 1st day of Shravan Mas,
- Rudrabhishek in Mandir

August 11 Sunday

- Nag Panchami August 12 Monday
- Rudrabhishek in Mandir August 13 Tuesday
- Shitala Satam August 17 Saturday
- Putra Ekadashi, Sunderkand August 19 Monday
- Rudrabishek in Mandir August 20 Tuesday
- Nariyeri Punam/ Raksha
- Bandhan/Shravani
- Upakarma Prayog /
- Satyanarayan Katha

**August 25 Sunday** 

- Nag Panchami August 26 Monday
- Rudrabishek in Mandir August 27 Tuesday
- Shitala Satam August 28 Wednesday
- JANAMASHTAMI—Celebration in our Mandir

September 01 Sunday

- Aja Ekadashi September 02 Monday
- Rudrabhisek in Mandir September 05 Thursday
- Rudrabhishek in Mandir
- Last day of Shravan Mas

#### **Monthly Activities**

August 02, Friday

Vishnu Sahasranama Parayanam @8:00 PM

Kshama Raghuveer (610) 642-2875 **Monthly Bhajan** 

August 16 Friday, 8-9 p.m.

Satya Sai Baba of Medford

P.K. Prabhakar (856) 596-3147

Sesha Vemuri (856) 751-0867

August 23, Friday, 8-9pm

Shree Ji Bhajan Group

contact: Urmi Upadhyay (856) 424-

9328; Charu Sheth (856) -662-8754

#### Shravana Month - Shiva Puja and Abhishekam

Significance: The legend says that when the churning of oceans - Samudra Manthan - took place in the month of Shravana, fourteen different types of jewels came out. Thirteen of these were distributed amongst the demons and gods, except Halahal (poison). Lord Shiva drank the Halahal and held it in his throat. Hence the name Neelakantha (meaning "blue throat") is attributed to Shiva. To lessen the strong effect of poison, Lord Shiva wore the serpent around his neck. All the Gods thereafter started offering the celestial water to Lord Shiva to further lessen the effect of poison. Since the same celestial river came down to earth as Ganga, the holy water from River Ganga is used to bathe Shiva lingam on Amavasya day in Shravan month and on the Maha Shivratri day. Shravana month is dedicated to Lord Shiva and most people observe a fast at least on Monday. Rudrabhishek will commence on August 07 (Wednesday) and the four Mondays— August 12, 19, 26, and September 02. Last day of Shravan Mas is on September 05—Thursday. Following are activities at the temple on each Monday:

- 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM Rudrabhishek of Lord Shiva
- 8:00 PM to 8:30 PM Bhajans followed by Aarti

Satyanarayan Puja/Katha on August 20th @6:00 PM (Purnima day)

Sunderkand Path on August 17 @10:00 AM Contact: Kshama Raghuveer (610) 642-2875

Shravan Month – Krishna Janmashtmi on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013

- 6:00 PM to 6:45 PM Puja
- 6:45 PM to 7:45 PM Bhajan by Chandan Modi and audience.
- 7:45 PM to 8:15 PM Nand-Utsav (Krishna Birth) and first aarti
- 8:15 PM to 9:15 PM Bhajan by Chandan Modi and audience
- 9:30 PM Second Aarti
- 9:30 PM to Midnight Bhajans by Chandan Modi
- Midnight Third and last Aarti

#### Last day of Shravan Month

Last day of Shravan month is on September 05th, 2013. We will have a big celebration with Rudrabhishek from 4 PM to 8 PM followed by Bhajans for 45 Minutes and then Aarti and Maha-Prasad at 9 PM.

#### **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 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 |
| Tejas Patel       | Aug 08 Patel Babubhai          | Aug 24 |
| Khaitan Shree     | Aug 10 Kanzaria Mitul          | Aug 26 |
| Lingraju Nagraj   | Aug 10 Talati Sangita & Paresh | Aug 27 |
| Dixit Mahesh      | Aug 11                         |        |
| Desai Kiran       | Aug 15                         |        |
| Patel Akshaykumar | Aug 15                         |        |
| Shah Nisarg       | Aug 15                         |        |
| Dave Ghanshyam    | Aug 17                         |        |



#### Condolences

Shri. Krisan Avtar Tyagi, Meetu Tyagi's father passed away in India.
Shri. Hasmukhlal Pandya, age 83, father of Daminiben and Ritaben passed away on June 27.
Mr. Ashwin Bhatt, Niruben's husband passed away on July 03.
Shri. Mithabhai Patel, age 84, father of Reenaben C. Patel passed away on July 05.

ITA and its Board extend their sincere condolences to Tyagi, Pandya, Bhatt, and Patel families.

#### Senior Citizens' Program

#### Thursday August 8, 6:30 pm to 9:15 pm and Thursday August 22, 6:30 pm to 9:15 pm

The highlights of our two bi-weekly programs of this month are as follows:

Creating a PowerPoint Presentation: PowerPoint is an easy- to-use, slide presentation software, usually sold as part of the Microsoft Office Suite. It allows you to create attractive slides to clearly communicate your information and to put together a slideshow with text and pictures with little fuss. You can also grab and keep viewers' attention as well as easily share slides on the web. On **August 8**, we have invited Sri Thiru Subramanian MBA to present this topic. You will learn what you need to know for putting together a PowerPoint presentation and stay focused and in control. The presenter will use 2010 version of PowerPoint and will give you some tips on design, layout, etc. Please bring your laptop computer to go along with this technical presentation.

Managing Your Digital Photos with Picasa: We had the art of taking excellent photographs with digital camera presented in April this year. So you have taken good photographs and they are residing digitally in your camera. Now what to do with them? On August 22, we have invited Dr. Devkumar Gupta MD again to show you how to manage these photos and to share them with family and friends. There are many image management programs available and Dr. Gupta will show the use of Picasa, an easy to use, free download, Google's program and guide you, step by step, with importing images from the camera, managing images and folders, and maintaining the image library. In addition, you will learn how to improve your image quality and correct image, color, and lighting flaws. He will also cover printing photos, and sending them to others by e-mail. You may download Picas from the site: <a href="www.picasa.google.com">www.picasa.google.com</a> and install it in your laptop computer. Please bring the laptop with you. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask.

#### Contact Info: Suraj Bhan Singh (856) 582-5035 <a href="mailto:sbsingh1@hotmail.com">sbsingh1@hotmail.com</a>

#### LET FREEDOM RING!!!!

On July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 India Temple Association participated in the Evesham Township Independence Day Parade. This marked the 7<sup>th</sup> year that ITA has celebrated the 4<sup>th</sup> of July with Evesham Township. Over a 100 people from our community representing different regions of India walked in our team, presenting a perfect blend of American & Indian culture. Our team was headed by community leaders taking turns holding the American Flag up high, while the ITA Trustees held our banner with equal pride. Our monochrome teams of Red, White & Blue in traditional Indian clothes danced to the beats of "Jai Ho", followed by our float (truck), which was donated to us for use by Mr. Kapil Patel of Action Auto World of Voorhees. The patriotic "Jai Ho" filled the air with enthusiasm around our team and the bystanders were overjoyed to see our color coordinated team. Little kids, waving the American Flag on the truck, and the traditional dances of India being performed on the truck added more stars to the beautifully decorated float. The rest of our team was dressed in specially designed t-shirts saying "Let Freedom Ring", and they showed their enthusiasm and patriotism while parading behind our float.

ITA would like to thank the community for participation and to all the volunteers who put the effort in making this event a success! A special thanks to following: Rupananda Chakravarty, Chetna Giyanani and family, Mukund Modi, Dr. Dhiraj Panda, Jayesh Parikh, K. D. Patel, Kapil Patel of Action Auto World of Voorhees, Sangeeta Rashatwar, Sunitha Reddy, Dhirubhai Saparia, Charuben and Jaysukhbhai Sheth, Sujatha Veeranna, & the Bengali Cultural Society.

We received many thanks from the Evesham Township Mayor and the Township officials for our participation in the parade. We're already looking forward to next year's celebration and hope that you join us!!!

#### ITA Scholarship—Third Place Winner—Ms. Kalpana Naidoo

#### **Science Versus Religion**

For centuries, there has been perpetual debate over the interdependence of religion and science. Whether one can exist with the presence of the other remains a conflict, but it is up to the individual to decide. However, our life depends on the acceptance of both principles. While each provides a different purpose, only with their codependence resides a complete community. Science promotes an inquisitive mindset and incites progress, yet religion contributes a sense of unity through mutual beliefs which lends a homogenous morality among those who practice it. With their combination, humanity as a whole has achieved unimaginable developments.

In earlier times, such as during the Enlightenment period, science and religion were so divided that they hindered the progress of the other. Though advancements were made by Rene Descartes and Galileo Galilei among others, they were often disputed or rejected by the Church, which was largely controlled by Pope Urban VIII. Descartes managed to accumulate a more accurate depiction of the human anatomy through his dissection of a cat. With this insight, people were able to be medically treated more efficiently and caused thousands of lives to be saved. Nevertheless, Descartes was punished by the Church for his heinous act of defiling one of God's creatures despite the breakthroughs it bred. Similarly, Galileo was punished for his impudence and insistence that the Earth was not the center of the universe. After voicing his heliocentric theory of the universe, Galileo was sentenced to prison and lived the remainder of his life under house arrest. While science at the time had been evolving tremendously, it was stifled by religion which demonstrates the correlation between the pair and their influence over the other.

In more recent years, science and religion have adapted together to form an impregnable force. Science's developments on the concept of string theory and the Big Bang and the creation stories about Brahma have begun to coincide, strengthening the other's point of view. In a large scope perspective, scientists have found that the world is divided into three stages, the Big Bang, when the world was created, the intermediate period, which contains all life forms and is the current stage, and the Big Crunch, or the ultimate destruction of our planet. Similarly, in various Hindu creation stories, the world was created with Brahma, it is in a current state of being where Vishnu is breathing life into the planet and it will lead to Shiva's destruction until the process is repeated. The repetition depicted by the Hindu creation stories can even be mathematically proved with the incorporation of physics' multiverse concept.

As a Hindu, the combination of science and religion seems almost natural. While both may have to compromise on the finer points, as a whole Hinduism and science fit together like pieces of a puzzle. With the combination of religion and science, inconceivable progress has been reached by mankind, leading to unity and scientific breakthroughs; so it is only fitting to declare that not only can science and religion peacefully coexist, but thrive off of each other as well.

#### Swami Yogatmanandji's Discourse

"The Universal Form of God"
(Based on Ch. 11 of Bhagavad Gita)
Sunday August 18th 2013 - 6:30-8:30pm

Swami Yogatmananda is the Hindu Religious Affiliate at Brown University, Providence, RI and the Hindu Chaplain at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, MA.

Swami Ji also grants personal interviews to earnest seekers. He can be reached at Vedanta Society of Providence 227 Angell Street ,Providence RI 02906 **Phone:** (401) 421-3960 , **email:** info@vedantaprov.org .

For more information, contact Sumitra Sohoni at 856-751-3963.

#### Election Committee Update on Land Acquisition

#### Purpose:

To provide an update on the results of voting for land acquisition for ITA next to the ICC.

#### **Procedures:**

An election committee -- comprising of Bhulabhai Bhakta, Ramesh Viswanathan, and Rina Patel- was entrusted by the Board of Trustees (BOT) with the task of collecting all the ballots cast by the members regarding the above land acquisition via E-mail, US Postal mail as well those submissions received from the members at large and deposited in sealed envelopes. The deadline for voting was midnight, May 15, 2013. Ballots received after that have been kept on file, but they were NOT be counted, unless instructed otherwise by the BOT.

The committee met weekly and the ballots were opened in the presence of the full committee. Each ballot was verified, signed and dated by each member of the committee. The results were tabulated for further verification by the membership committee (headed by Lalit Patel.)

On June 25, 2013 the Election Committee received a final membership list from Lalit Patel (Membership Chair.) This report also included several unverified members. Shri Bhulabhai Bhakta verified the membership of the 86 of those unverified members and their names were added to the list of members provided by Lalit Patel. There still remain a few families for which the required information is missing.

#### Results

Step1: Tabulation of all votes received

All votes received by membership committee, without regards to the verification of their membership status, show the following:

|       | Agre<br>e | Disagree | Ab-<br>stain | Total Re-<br>ceived |
|-------|-----------|----------|--------------|---------------------|
| Total | 301       | 52       | 5            | 358                 |
| %     | 84%       | 15%      | 1%           | 100%                |

Step2: Membership Committee Verified Results

As per our constitution, votes of only members in good standing who have paid dues for two years prior to the vote count for the stated purpose. Using this criteria, the actual vote of members who are eligible to cast votes (as verified by the Election Committee) was as shown below:

|       | Agree | Disagree | Abstain | Total Received |
|-------|-------|----------|---------|----------------|
| Total | 159   | 35       | 1       | 195            |
| %     | 82%   | 18%      | 1%      | 100%           |

The results indicate an overwhelming support from those eligible to votes as well as those who chose to vote, whether eligible or not.

#### Conclusion:

In conclusion, Election Committee is pleased to report that they have completed the task entrusted to them and they hereby verify and certify the following:

The Entire membership of ITA consists of 585 total members in good standing who have paid dues for two years prior to the vote. (Voting period for eligibility is April 1st, 2011 through March 31st, 2013 (period of two years).

The constitution requires a two-thirds majority of total members, or a total of 390 votes cast in favor of acquisition for the resolution to pass.

Our tabulation shows that a total of 195 certified and verified members voted for relocation.

We thereby certify that the stipulated two-thirds of all eligible members did not vote in favor of the resolution.

#### **General Comments**

Our Temple's vote in favor of the proposed land acquisition next to our new Indian Community Center is a historical event for our Association. This is the first time in History of ITA that we had brought such an issue to a vote.

The Election Committee was quite aware that the Temple membership was understandably anxious to learn the results of this historic vote.

It is the duty of the Election Committee to declare that the vote for our Temple to acquire the land next our Indian Community Center was overwhelmingly (82%) in favor of the proposal; however, this 82% does not meet the 2/3 majority as stipulated by our constitution.

It is interesting to note that the votes of only 195 of those 358 people who voted for the land purchase could be counted as eligible. The remaining about two hundred members have technically let their membership lapse, and as a consequence, their vote was not counted in this important issue.

Absence of those 200 or so interested but ineligible memberships obviously made a difference in the outcome of the acquisition. We urge and encourage every participant in our Temple to make sure that his/her membership is active. We urge the BOT to <u>actively</u> seek membership renewals from our community in order to have our whole community duly represented in the matters of utmost importance to our association.

Prepared by Rina Patel
On Behalf of Election Committee

#### Bal Vihar and Yuva Darshan Registration—Fall 2013

ITA Bal Vihar Program will begin on Sept 8<sup>th</sup> 2013

Time: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: Cherokee High School in Marlton, NJ

Teaching Vedic Heritage Giving Our Children Positive Identity!

#### Five groups of Bal Vihar:

Prithvi Pre KG for 4 years old only. This group will learn about gods, chant shlokas and bhajans, stories and

Saagar KG and 1<sup>st</sup> graders:. KG: Stories and forms of Shiva, and Three goddesses, Arts and Crafts. 1<sup>st</sup> graders: 10 stories from Ramayana.

Pavan 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders: 2<sup>nd</sup>: Story of India. 3<sup>rd</sup>: Puranic Tales.

Aakash 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders: 4<sup>th</sup>: Mahabharata Part II 5<sup>th</sup>: Dharma \_ understanding universal values such as

Satyam, Ahimsa.

Agni 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> graders: Principles of Hinduism.

**Registration will begin August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013**, and will be on first come first served basis. Registration is limited to 225 children. There will be a nominal fee of \$100.00 per student. The parents must become ITA members to enroll their children. The fees include cost of lunches, Pujas and festivals. There will be additional cost for the Annual Day. All donations are welcome. For more information call: Lata Pimplaskar @ 856-985-4785 or latap@comcast.net

Yuva Darshan Program will commence on Sept. 08, 2013 starting from 9:45 AM to 1:00 PM. Please register early. Both Bal Vihar and Yuva-Darshan meet second and fourth Sundays of every month (September through May).

#### Schedule for Yuva-Darshan:

9:45 – 10:00: PRAYERS / CHANTING 10:00-10:30: YOGA / MEDITATION 10:30 - 11:15: CLASS / DISCUSSION 11:15 - 12:00: ACTIVITY 12:00 - 1:00: ARATI, LUNCH & CLEAN-UP

#### ITA Seva Samiti update

Sadhna Kothari

ITA Seva Samiti shares in the grief and fervent prayers of Hindus everywhere for the leveling of Uttarkhand by raging flood waters. A japa was held at our Mandir on Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup> with the chanting of the Rudra Gayatri and Shanti Mantras. We are grateful that our beloved Kedarnath Mandir was spared by this force of nature and still stands, as strong as our faith.

To do our part for the reparations, we are inviting all to donate online at our Mandir website <a href="www.Indiatemple.org">www.Indiatemple.org</a> or by contacting Lata Pimplaskar at <a href="latap@comcast.net">latap@comcast.net</a>

Pursuant to the **Interfaith prayer and candlelight vigil for the Oklahoma Tornado victims**, the sum of \$1,001 was presented by ITA Seva Samiti to the **Feed the Children** charity. This was only possible through your generosity and here you see concrete feedback of your donations working to ease the hardship wrought by the storms.

The **Youth Wing of ITA Seva Samiti** continues to participate in the 'Generations Plus' program. This is a year round volunteering opportunity for High School students for a few hours in the afternoon or evening, playing games and visiting with the elderly in this Adult Day Care Center. This brings a welcome change to their daily routine, allowing for socializing with the younger set.

Another ongoing endeavor is the Sandwich program for the homeless – students form groups and make about twenty-five sandwiches every month or so.

More hands on deck are needed - please contact Chetna Giyanani at <a href="mailto:chetnatemple@gmail.com">chetnatemple@gmail.com</a>

An added bonus is that this will count towards your School Community Service hours.

Our chair, Lata Pimplaskar represented ITA Seva Samiti at the **Interfaith Meeting** arranged by the South Jersey Jewish Federation. Lataji spoke on 'Fighting poverty with faith'.

She began with a Sanskrit prayer from the Atherv Veda and explained the full and deep meaning in English to the assembly. Lataji focused her presentation on the concept of Danam, as prescribed by the Vedas.

She related the history of Vinoba Bhave's quest for 'Bhudan' – landowners and the State giving land to the poor so that they can eke out a living from the land.

She expounded on this topic and described how we can continue this tradition of Danam by reaching out to those in distress, by simply lending a hand until they can stand on their own two feet. This is the crux of our mission at ITA Seva Samiti, to support and help at a time of need.

# ITA Seva Samiti Presents MAXIMIZING THE POWER OF GAYTRI MANTRA - MR. RAJEN VAKIL

Shri S. N. Tavariaji has distilled the ancient secrets of Yogic asanas, pranayamas, and other higher practices into a few simple exercises which were passed on verbally in 'Guru-Shishya' parampara of thousands of years. Sri Tavariaji had a group of students with whom he shared this invaluable knowledge. Mr. Rajen Vakil was one of his disciples, and has dedicated his life to spreading it throughout the world. Mr. Vakil came to our temple couple of years ago and shared with us the powerful 3SRB breathing techniques. That seminar was very well attended and many of us found it beneficial. He is coming on August 25 and 27 to present how to maximize "The Power of Gayatri Mantra" at our Berlin Temple.

The science of Gayatri Mantra involving the correct use of Lips, Larynx, Vocal cords, Chest, Abdomen and Diaphragm was unraveled by Yogi Shri Tavariaji. We are fortunate to have Shri Rajen Vakil explain the amazing power of this mantra and how to practice it correctly for maximum benefit of mind and body.

Please make sure to mark your calendar.

Sunday - August 25, 2013 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM (Light Lunch will be served) 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

For more information, please contact: Lata Pimplaskar 856-985-4785 or latap@comcast.net, Hina Desai 856-424-1934 or hinamdesai@hotmail.com Dr. Amita Talati 856-751-8667 or atalmd@gmail.com, Sunitha Reddy 856-596-3215 or sunithahreddy@yahoo.com

#### Yoga Seminar

#### August 10 & 11 2013, Time: 8:30-11:30 AM at our Mandir

Seminar will include philosophy of yoga, easy but complete set of postures, pranayama and meditation. Some important "Sutras" from Patanjali Yoga Sutra may be covered if time permits.

Please bring a yoga mat and wear loose clothes. Please come with an empty stomach. If you have to take tea or coffee, please take before 7AM. If any medical problems, please consult your physician and call Dr. Veena Gandhi on Mondays between 2-3 PM at 856-428-2522. You may register with Charlotte on Mondays at 856-428-2522 between 1:00 and 3:00PM.

Suggested Donation of \$60.00. Make checks payable to ICC (ITA Cultural Center)

#### **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 a.m. at our Mandir Contact: Virendra Gupta @ (856) 424-9313

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

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

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

Every Friday, 7:30-9 p.m.

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 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Contact: Lata Pimplaskar (856) 985-4785, Bhavesh Patel 1-855-my-mandir ext 3, Rina Patel (856) 313-5235 for registration and location

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

Contact: Sharad Pimplaskar at (856) 985-4785 or Sangeeta

Rashatwar at (856) 424-4211

#### **CREATIVE ART WORKSHOP**

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

Contact: Narendra Amin (856) 429-8761

#### 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 Smt. Chetna Giyanani or Shri. Harish Shelat 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<br>TEMPLE | OUTSIDE<br>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. Chetna Giyanani at 1-855-MY-MANDIR Ext 1

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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**

7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

#### **Evening**

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

#### **Aarti**

12 p.m. & 8 p.m.

Times may change during special occasions

Please use the front door and ring the bell if locked

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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 (\$51) Individual or Family five year (\$151) Life (\$1,001) |
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| [ ] I/ We are seniors, age 65 and above and would like to join India Temple Association. I am/We are   |
| emitting the membership dues   |
| (please select one) Individual or Family Five year (\$25)  |
| Life (\$101)   |
| I am adding additional donations:  |
| Scholarship FundLifetime Seva (\$301)Temple Renovations  |
| Seva Samiti Fund Bal Vihar Fund Youth Fund   |
| I am relocating to the following address   |
| Last Name: First Name:   |
| Address:   |
| Telenhone: F-mail:   |