



# Satsang Sandesh

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### Religious Calendar

**Sept 1, Thursday**  
Shri Ganesh Chaturthi  
Celebration in Mandir

**Sept 2, Friday**  
Rushi Pancha.m.i

**Sept 8, Thursday**  
Parivartan Ekadashi  
Shri Vaman Jayanti

**Sept 11, Sunday**  
Purnima/Anant Chaturdashi

**Sept 13, Tuesday**  
Mahalayarambh  
Shraddh Paksh starts

**Sept 23, Friday**  
Indira Ekadashi

**Sept 27, Friday**  
Sarva Pitri Amas  
Shraddh Paksh concludes

**Sept 28, Wednesday**  
Shri Sharadiya Navaratrarambh

### Monthly Activities

**Sept 2, Friday, 8-9 pm**  
Vishnu Sahasranama Parayanam

### Monthly Bhajans

**Sept 9, Friday, 8-9 pm**  
Pushi Mandal of Voorhees  
Contacts:

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**Sept 16, Friday, 8-9 pm**  
Satya Sai Baba of Medford  
Contacts:  
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**Sept 23, Friday, 8-9 pm**  
Shree Ji Bhajan Group  
Contact:  
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### GANESH CHATURTHI CELEBRATION

**September 1, Thursday**  
**7:00 to 9:00 PM**  
**IN OUR MANDIR**

NAVRATRI 2011  
September 28 to October 5  
Sharad Purnima-October 8  
SEE INSERT FOR MORE DETAILS



### PRAN-PRATISHTHA 2011 CELEBRATION

September 18, Sunday, 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Location: Berlin Hindu Mandir

Due to public demand, ITA Board has decided to introduce this annual celebration starting from this year. For this one-day celebration, our temple will become a center of various religious activities as outlined in the following Program Details:

- Participating Yajmans will begin Pooja in main hall of temple at 1:00 PM. The Pooja of deities will end around 1:30 PM (participants are requested to be ready by 12:45 PM)
- Everyone present will begin Shobha Yatra around 1:45 PM from Mandir parking lot to municipal parking and back to Mandir by 3:00 PM
- Yajmans will again participate in a 75 minutes Yagna in the Mandir's parking lot under the tent from 3:15PM to 4:30PM
- There will be small break after the Yagna where some snacks, soft drinks and tea will be provided.
- Between 5:15PM to 7:15PM, prayer hall will resonate with Live Bhajans and Devotional Songs.
- Program will be concluded with delicious Maha Prasad between 7:30 PM and 8:30PM

For those participating in Pooja and Yagna, ITA requests a suggested donation of only \$51.00 per family. For most families \$51.00 is a very nominal sum and those of us who can afford it we are certainly encouraged to add a more generous donation in the name of this most holy celebration.

### 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.

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| • Hudson James      | Sep 01 | Soni Devendra             | Sep 17 |
| • Patel Vinod N     | Sep 03 | Shah Nagindas & Champaben | Sep 19 |
| • Giyanani Mulchand | Sep 04 | Mistry Nathu              | Sep 22 |
| • Patel Kashiben    | Sep 08 | Aggarwal Girish           | Sep 23 |
| • Patel Ajay        | Sep 10 | Doshi Kirti               | Sep 23 |
| • Kochhar Omila     | Sep 14 | Patel Babubhai            | Sep 27 |
| • Patel Krina       | Sep 14 | Patel Thakor              | Sep 28 |
| • Maheswari Arun    | Sep 17 |                           |        |

## Condolences

Ganeshbhai J Munjapara, 90, of Momroe, NJ, father of Shrimati Shantaben Antala of Voorhees, NJ, passed away on July 20, 2011. ITA and its Board extend their sincere condolences to the Munjapara family.

### Senior Citizens' Program

Thursday Sept. 8, 6:30 pm to 9:15 pm & Thursday Sept. 22, 6:30 pm to 9:15 pm

**1(a).** We have a very busy program on Sept. 8. First, Pharmacist Smt. Sonal Shah and her team from Westfield Family Pharmacy will provide free blood glucose and blood pressure testing for seniors from 6:15 pm to 7:00 pm in the Social Hall of the Temple. For the glucose test, one should have no food or tea/cola etc. after 2 pm.

**1(b).** Then Dr. Anokhi Pahlajani, MD, Chief Resident of Dermatology, Univ. Penn., will talk about common skin problems including dry skin, eczema, and skin cancer. She will also touch on skin damage by sun exposure and discuss protective measures.

**1(c).** Smt. Sonal Shah, pharmacist, will discuss Medicare coverage of diabetic shoes/inserts.

**2.** On Sept. 22, Dr. Surendra Gambhir, PhD, retired Professor from University of Pennsylvania, and a renowned socio-linguist, will narrate a story of Indian Immigration in the Caribbean Islands including their accomplishments and what has been preserved or lost there culturally over the years. In addition, Dr. Gambhir will share some of his personal experiences and show photographs of the people of this region.

For more information about the program, activities, and to join the group, please contact:

Suraj Bhan Singh, by phone: (856) 582-5035 or e-mail ([sbsingh1@hotmail.com](mailto:sbsingh1@hotmail.com)) or Narsinh N. Sangani by phone: (856) 435-2128 or e-mail ([nnsangani@juno.com](mailto:nnsangani@juno.com)).

### Bal-Vihar Program



**ITA Bal Vihar Program will begin on Sept 11<sup>th</sup> 2011.**

**Time: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Location: Cherokee High School in Marlton, NJ**

*Teaching Vedic Heritage Giving Our Children Positive Identity!*

**Five groups of Bal Vihar:**

(1) Prithvi \_ Pre KG for 4 years old only. (2) Saagar \_ KG and 1<sup>st</sup> graders. (3) Pavan \_ 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders (4) Aakash \_ 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders (5) Agni \_ 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> graders: Principals of Hinduism.

Registration will be on first come first served basis. Registration is limited to 200 children. Register your children early. 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.

Check out our website at <http://www.indiatemple.org/>. Available online are:

- BV 2011—2012 calendar
- BV 2011—2012 curriculum
- ITA and ITA BV membership and registration forms

**Online Registration at [www.indiatemple.org](http://www.indiatemple.org) is highly recommended.** For more information call: Lata Pimplaskar @ 856-985-4785 or [latap@comcast.net](mailto:latap@comcast.net)

### ITA Youth Program

The youth program will start on Sunday, September 11, 2011 at the Mandir. The sessions will be held every second and fourth Sundays from September to June. A new 2011-12 youth calendar will be posted soon. Please note that the new schedule will be from 9:45a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Also, there will be no program fee. However, each family must register for the program and be a current ITA member.

**Online Registration on [www.indiatemple.org](http://www.indiatemple.org) is highly recommended**

### BHAGVAT GITA CLASSES

Upanishad and Bhagavat Gita classes are conducted at the temple on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, respectively, from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. It is never too late to join in these classes and enjoy the group discussions, while discovering the secrets of these teachings, not only because they are our scriptures but also because they help our personal enrichment and growth. Please join in. For more information, call Sharad Pimplaskar at (856) 985-4785.



## ITA Seva Samiti participation in President Obama's Initiatives with Hindu American Seva Charities:

Energizing Dharmic Seva: Impacting Change in America and Abroad

Nearly 200 Hindu Americans, including ITA Seva Samiti, youth, military and community leaders of many faiths, gathered on July 29 at The White House for the community briefing and the 2nd annual Hindu American Seva Charities (HASC) Conference, "Impacting Change in America and Abroad," an event co-sponsored by the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships.

President Barack Obama supported the effort to strengthen America through community service and sent greetings to all those attending. Joshua DuBois, Special Assistant to the President and Executive Director, Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships and representatives from several federal agencies addressed participants on ways of engaging the faith community. DuBois remarked, "This, Hindu-American gathering, is historic. We hope to bring more understanding of the government support of civic engagement."

With over 80 youth in attendance, an important objective of the conference was to engage youth who want to contribute to their American dream through public service. To promote this effort, HASC had organized an essay contest for participants to write about the role their Hindu faith plays in service and had encouraged participants to provide specific ideas and plans to start a Seva Center in their community. Essay competition applicants and winners were honored with a medal at the White House briefing and were provided opportunities to share their seva plan during the conference. ITA congratulates our Seva Samiti Chair Smt. Lata Pimplaskar for the first winning essay on "How does your Dharma help you in works of Seva". ITA will publish this essay in next edition of Satsang.

## ITA Hosts First Bal Vihar Network Conference

On the last day of July 2011, ITA hosted the very first Bal Vihar (Sunday School for children and Youth) Network Conference. The conference was convened to organize, unite and share information among all Bal Vihars across the country and unite them into a mutually supporting network. The conference was organized, planned and moderated by the next generation of born-in-the-USA young Hindus, most of whom had known Shri Dahyabhai for many years.

We should all be honored that these young leaders chose ITA to host and hold their first conference. Participants in the conference were:

ITA Bal vihar - Berlin, NJ  
Durga Temple - Washington, DC  
Mangal Mandir – Maryland  
Hindu Mandir - El Paso, TX  
Balvihar – Massachusetts  
Hindu-Jain Mandir - Pittsburgh, PA  
A Mandir - Dallas, TX  
Bharatiya Mandir Lansdale, PA. and  
Hindu-Jain Mandir, Allentown, PA

The day-long conference started with welcome greetings by me as an ITA president. ITA's Bal Vihar representation was lead by Charuben Sheth with Chetna Giyanani and Dinesh Depani supporting. Throughout the conference, the energies and excitement of youth was continuous, and there was a very lively, pleasant and intense exchange of ideas on Bal Vihar curricula, structure and operations. The primary aim of the Network was to enhance the reach and efficacy of nationwide Bal Vihars, and enable our young people to learn from each other. The following agenda items were thoroughly addressed: (1) Leveraging Strengths/Addressing Weaknesses; (2) Common & Uncommon Issues Facing Bal Vihars; (3) Utilizing Technology to Enhance Our Programs; and (4) Collectively Improving Our Bal Vihars.

It was a huge honor for ITA to host this first-of-a-kind conference and we should be most pleased that all the participants were extremely complimentary about the ITA's support of their conference and willingness to "lend a hand" whenever one was needed. The ITA's Board of Directors – in turn -- wish to express its thanks to Dahyabhai, our temple trustee and past president, and his wife Sushilaben for their incredible work in coordinating and supporting the conference and bringing honor and credit to our temple.

The ITA board also wishes to express its compliments and congratulations to the young people who were instrumental in organizing and leading this conference. We believe that the adult Hindu population in the United States would do well to follow our young people's lead in taking a more national and global perspective for our culture. It is written that "there is much wisdom in the minds of children," and the Bal Vihar Network Conference is a premier example.

Sincerely  
Rina Patel

## NEW PHONE SYSTEM

We are pleased to inform all our community members that we have just implemented a new and modern phone system that will greatly reduce the number of “voice-mail” responses and unanswered calls. Basically, the caller can call any one of the following extensions and be directly connected with the appropriate program coordinator. The new phone system will go into effect immediately. Details are as follows:

NEW TOLL FREE PHONE NUMBER FOR OUR MANDIR: **855-MY-MANDIR (855-696-2634)**

When the primary toll-free number is reached, the caller can dial any one of the following extensions:

0 - General Inquiries	1 - Pujari Services and Facility Rental	2 – Funeral and Emergency Services
3 - Bal Vihar Program	4 - Youth Program	5 - Seva Samiti
6 - Gita Study	700 - Yoga Abhyas	701 - Senior Citizens
702 - Navratri Tickets and Information		703 - Website Assistance

Your Board of Trustees believes that the new system will greatly relieve much of the current frustration from “voice-mail” responses and unanswered calls.

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## FIRST AID KIT AND AED EQUIPMENT

Your Board of Trustees has long recognized that, as our Temple expands, we must ensure that we have done our level best to anticipate and prepare for the number and range of medical emergencies our Temple might face. This is especially true for the growing number of senior members of our temple and our senior visitors.

As a consequence, the Board asked Govindbhai Modi, our Senior Group Liaison, to make a comprehensive analysis to determine our needs for first aid kits and for Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs). In response, Govindbhai provided the Board with a superior analysis of AED options.

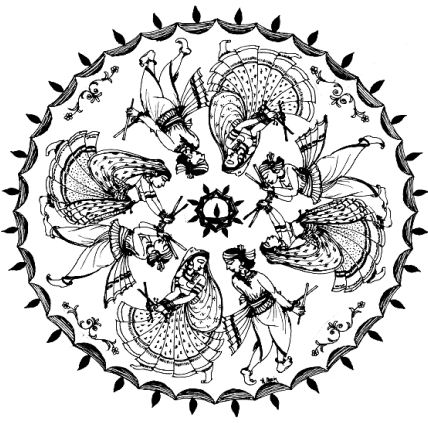
When the board approved the purchase of the new medical equipment, Govindbhai Modi volunteered to pay for the new rescue and first aid equipment out of his own pocket, which was a most generous and unselfish act. We all owe him a huge vote of thanks for his generosity in the Temple’s behalf.

### 9/11 10th Anniversary Memorial Service

*Sometimes we wish we won't remember the fateful day that changed our lives for ever but all we can do is Make it Better Together '9/11.'*

Bal Vihar, Youth Group and Seva Samiti of ITA request everyone to join in honoring of our Fire Fighters who keep us safe and informed. The Memorial Ceremony will be conducted on Sunday, September 11 at Cherokee High School in Marlton from 11:30 AM to 12:15 PM.

**Lunch will be served immediately after the ceremony**



# NAVRATRI 2011

by

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**September 28, 29  
October 2,3,4 & 5  
PALACE OF ASIA  
CHERRY HILL, NJ  
7:30 PM TO 11:00 PM**

**September 30  
October 1 & 8  
OVERBROOK  
HIGH SCHOOL  
PINE HILL, NJ  
8:30 PM TO 12:30 AM**

### ADMISSION

#### CHILDREN

#### UNDER 11-FREE

**11-17, SUN TO THUR (\$3); FRI/SAT (\$5)  
SEASON PASS: (\$20)**

#### ADULTS (18 - 64)

**SUN TO THUR (\$3); FRI (\$5) / SAT (\$10)  
SEASON PASS (\$25)**

#### SENIORS (65 AND ABOVE)

**SUN TO THUR (\$3); FRI (\$5) / SAT (\$10)  
SEASON PASS (\$20)**

For directions, details and discounted ticket sale up to 9/17/11, visit  
[WWW.INDIATEMPLE.ORG](http://WWW.INDIATEMPLE.ORG)

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**LIST OF AARTI HOSTS**

ITA sincerely appreciates your supports during Navratri 2010 and looking forward to having same support this year from your family, relatives and friends. Have your friends and relatives contact front desk or any of the volunteers listed on front page to join other host families on a specific day of their choice. Please make sure to pick up Aarti Pass at front desk to receive Aarti Thali during Aarti time. ITA will appreciate donation in the amount of \$51.00 or more from each Aarti Host. Aarti time may vary because of public mood and circumstances. However, ITA will try its best to observe daily Aarti time at about 10:45 PM

**Wednesday, Sept. 28--Palace of Asia**

BHAVANI AND BHANU PATEL	HIMA MEHTA	SHANTABEN AND CHIMAN ANTALA
BHAVNA AND NAYAN PATEL	JANKI AND RITESH DARJI	SHARMILA AND MUKUND MODI
BINDUBEN AND BHUPENDRA SHUKLA	NEELA AND RAKESH KOHLI	SUDHA AND RAMESH SARVAIYA
DIPTI AND GIRISH TALATI	PUSHPA AND NATU DESAI	SUSHILA AND KANTI KALAWADIA
DIVYABEN AND NARSINH SANGANI	REKHA AND RAMESH GARACH	SWATI AND MADHUP KOTHARI
HARSHA AND JAYESH PARIKH	RINA AND JAYDEEP PATEL	VASU AND RAMAN MODHERA

**Thursday, Sept. 29--Palace of Asia**

CHINTA AND MANU SHAH	KAJAL PATEL	NIKUNJANA AND GHANSHYAM DAVE
DIPIKA AND BATUK BANKER	KASHMIRA AND BHARAT GANDHI	NILA AND ROHIT PATEL
INDU AND MAHENDRA PATEL	KINNARI AND LALIT PATEL	PUSHPA AND AMBU PATEL
JIGNA AND ASHOK PATEL	MEENA AND KANU PATEL	VIBHA AND PIYUSH PATEL
JYOTI AND PRAVIN SHAH	NEETA AND JAYMAL SHAH	YOGINA AND HAREN DAVE
ANJANA AND JAYANT GUSANI	USHA AND ASHOK BARBARIA	

**Friday, Sept. 30--Overbrook High School**

AMITA AND NARESH TALATI	KETKI AND MANU DADHANIA	PANNA AND RAJESH PATEL
AMITA AND SHAILENDRA DESAI	KINNARI AND RUSHI PARGHI	RASHMI AND NILKANT SHAH
ARTI AND HEMANT SHAH	MAMATA AND BHARAT KHATIWALA	RENU AND KIRAN BHATT
DEVYANI AND PRAVIN SHETH	MEENA AND DEVANG PARIKH	SHILPA AND DIPAK BHUTA
GITA AND AJIT SHAH	MEETA AND TUSHAR CHAHUAN	SHILPA AND SHAILESH DOSHI
HINA PATEL	MINU AND ANIL DESAI	SUVARNA AND AKSHAY KOTHARI
	NIRANJANA AND BHARAT JHONSA	

**Saturday, Oct 1--Overbrook High School**

BHANU AND PRABHAKAR PATEL	JASHU AND GOVIND MODI	
BINA AND NARENDRA RAVAL	JAYSHREE AND SURENDRA SHETH	MINAXI AND HASMUKH PATEL
CHARU AND JAYSUKH SHETH	JYOTISH AND LATISH MEGHNANI	NAYNA AND ARVIND PATEL
DAXA AND ASHVIN PATEL	KAILASH AND KIRIT DESAI	NEETA AND ARVIND SONI
HANSA AND BHARAT DARJI	KAMINI AND DILESH PATEL	NIRMALA AND DHIRAJ PANDA
HINA AND HARSHAD VANKAWALA	KIRTI AND PRAHLAD PATEL	NITA AND P.K. PATEL
ILA AND MAHESH DIXIT	MALTI AND ARVIND PATEL	PRATIMA AND DIVYAKANT PARIKH
ILA AND PRADEEP PATEL	MALVIKA AND JITENDRA PANDYA	RAJSHREE AND SHARAD PANDYA
INDIRA AND RAJNIKANT PATEL	MAYA AND JAGDISH SHAH	VRUNDA AND KAMLESH DAVE

**Sunday, Oct 2--Palace of Asia**

DEVYANI AND DINKAR PATEL	KUSUMBEN NARENDRABHAI PATEL	NIRANJANA AND JYOTISH SHAH
DHANANJAY PATEL	MANJU AND BHAL PATEL	PURNIMA AND ROHIT PATEL
FALGUNI AND PARAG MODI	NALINI AND RASHIK MEHTA	SHILA AND SUREN BAGARIA
GEETA AND AMRISH PATEL	NANCY AND RAJENDRA PATEL	SUGNA AND DIPAK MODI
KALA AND JAYANTI PATEL	NARENDRA H AMIN	SURBHI AND SHASHI SHETH
KOKILA AND SHASHI MEHTA	NEEMA AND THAKOR DAHYA	VEENA AND SHARAD GANDHI

**Monday, Oct 3--Palace of Asia**

ASHA AND ASHOK PATEL	PINAL AND NILANG DALWADI	
HANSA AND RAMESH KHATIWALA	PUSHPABEN AND MAYHUL PATEL	SHILA AND ISHVAR PATEL
HINA AND UMESH MEHTA	RAJYALAKSHMI & VINAYA VARDHANA	TARABEN AND DAHYABHAI PATEL
MEENA AND HARSHAD PATEL	SANGEETA AND PARESH TALATI	USHA AND DINESH PATEL

**Tuesday, Oct 4--Palace of Asia**

INDU AND HIMMAT SONI	NILA AND RASHMIKANT DESAI	PUSHPA AND NATUBHAI DESAI
JAIMINI AND JAYESH RAVAL	PANNA AND ANIL SHAH	RUCHI PATEL
KOKILA AND NAGIN PATEL	PINA AND JAYDEV PATEL	SMITA AND DILIP MEHTA
NEETA AND DEVENDRA SONI	PRACHI AND NILESH SHAH	SUDHA AND NAREN KADAKIA

**Wednesday, Oct 5--Palace of Asia**

BHANU AND HARSHAD PATEL	MUKESH AND NAGINBHAI PATEL	REKHA AND SAVITA PATEL
BHAVNA AND SURESH SHAH	NIRMALA AND MAHENDRA PATEL	RENUKA DESAI
LATA AND SUDAN PATEL	NIRU AND JELABHAI PATEL	SHILPA AND DIPAK BHUTA
MADHU AND ISHVAR PATEL	NITA AND DALPAT PATEL	SMITA AND SAMIR AMIN
MADHU AND LALLUBHAI PATEL	PRITI AND PANKAJ PATEL	SULESHA AND MUKESH PATEL
MANJU AND MAGANBHAI PATEL	RAJUL AND SANJAY PATEL	TEJAL AND BHAVESH PATEL

**Saturday, Oct 8--Overbrook High School**

BHARTI AND GORDHAN PATEL	RESHMA AND KUNAL PATEL	SUREKHA PATEL
BINDU AND SHIRISH PARIKH	RUPAL AND SANJAY PATEL	SUSHILA AND BALVANT PATEL
GEETA AND MAYUR CHOKSI	SANGITA AND PARESH TALATI	SUSHILA AND DAHYABHAI PATEL
KALPANA AND HARIHAR PATEL	SMITA AND PARTH PATEL	URMILA AND PRAVIN KADAKIA
LILLY AND SHRINIVAS VEDANTHAM	SMITA AND SIRISH PATEL	USHA AND HARSHAD PATEL
PARUL AND JATIN MEHTA	SONAL AND PANKAJ DESAI	VASUMATI AND SASHI SHAH
PRATIBHA AND BHARAT DESAI	SUGNA AND DIPAK MODI	VIJYALAKSHMI AND ARUN MAHESWARI
RANJANA AND RASHMIN PUROHIT	SUNITA AND YOGESH DARJI	YOGINI AND KIRITKUMAR PATEL

**RECOGNITION OF DONATION**

- All donating Aarti Hosts will be recognized on the day of their Aarti at the event place.**
- Donors of the amounts in excess of \$250 and less than \$1000 will get recognition at the event place as Aarti Hosts as well as Special Donors. These donors will also receive two complimentary season tickets.**
- Donors of the amounts \$1000 and above will get recognition at the event place as Aarti Hosts as well as Special Donors. These donors will also receive two complimentary season tickets, recognition in Satsang Sandesh and Life Membership with ITA.**
- New Life Members enrolled in 2011 during or prior to this Navratri will receive two complimentary season tickets and will be appropriately recognized per above stated category.**

**ARTISTS**

**As usual, Local Artists as well as Artists from India will provide needed music during this Navratri. ITA appreciates effort by all local Artists for their selfless support during this event**

**Direction**

**PALACE OF ASIA/Americas Best Value Inn (Formerly Howard Johnson), 2389 Marlton Pike W, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002 (856-773-1200)**

**From I 295 North South: Exit 34 for Rt 70 West Cherry Hill** . \* On Route 70 West, pass Home Depot & Wegmans Shopping Center on right, Crowne Plaza Hotel on left. After Cuthbert Blvd. Take Next "ALL TURN" (U-Turn) after passing a Goodwill store and go back on Route 70 East. Americas Best Value Inn/Palace of ASIA is on the RIGHT (a sharp right turn within 200 Ft. on 70 East).

**From MARLTON (NJ 73 & NJ 70 Junction)** : Take Route 70 West towards Cherry Hill & Philadelphia\* Follow as above.

**From Philadelphia (I-95 North/South)** Take Ben Franklin Bridge to NJ\* Follow Route 70 East towards Marlton\* Palace of ASIA is on your right after passing Bishop Eustace High School Ground & Apts. If you see Home Depot/Wegmans shopping center on your left then make U turn and follow as above

**OVERBROOK HIGH SCHOOL, 1200 Turnersville Road, Pine Hill, NJ 08021 (856-767-8000)**

**From MARLTON (NJ 73 & NJ 70 Junction)** : Take Route 73 South towards Berlin. After Shoprite/Home Depot - Berlin Circle Plaza, **Keep right** - Follow Berlin Cross keys road Lane (Rt. 689). Cross Route 30. At third traffic light, after Crossing Route 30, make right turn on Turnersville/Hicksville Road. School is ¼ mile on right.

**From Route 30 West** in Berlin, make Left Turn on Cross Keys road and **From Route 30 East** in Berlin, make right turn on Cross Keys and then follow as above.



## Event Policy

**It is imperative to maintain our positive image in the local community. All our organizations count on local schools for major events like this. Few people create bad image for entire community. Please follow these regulations during this event.**

**Sponsor Families, Police & Committee members are authorized to strictly enforce the following:**

- 1) **NO FOOT WARE /FOOD/DRINKS OF ANY KIND** will be allowed in the Garba Hall.
- 2) **All Entry/Exit doors must be free of foot ware.**
- 3) No smoking anywhere, including parking area on the Event premises.
- 4) No solicitations for commercial purposes are allowed on the premises, on cars or even in parking lot.
- 5) Discipline must be maintained at Event premise at all times by EVERYBODY attending.
- 6) Park only in designated parking area .
- 7) Enter only thru front entrance where Admission donation is collected.
- 8) Your health must permit your active participation in Garba and Raas celebrations.  
**Event place/ITA is NOT responsible for your** physical well being at these celebrations.
- 9) **Vacate** Event Properties including parking lot **immediately** upon conclusion of the event for that night. ITA volunteers are not responsible to stay late for your /or your loved ones ride home.
- 10) Tea may be available at the event premise at designated locations.
- 11) No food /Prasad/soft drinks are allowed on Garba floor or inside Gymnasium.
- 12) LAHNI : ITA is NOT responsible for Lahni distribution. However due to this being ITA event Key committee contact persons MUST be informed minimum three days in advance for a specific Lahni distribution day. Lahni must be in sufficient quantity for the distribution to all ladies 11 years and above present on that day and all committee members. Key committee members may be able to provide estimated count based on past history.
- 13) Limited quantity of Dandias may be available at \$2.00/pair during Friday and Saturdays.
- 14) **Disclaimer:** Your Presence at the subject event is solely at your own risk .  
ITA and/or Premise Owners are NOT responsible for any type of liability or event place property damage.

## **ITA WEB SITE**

[WWW.INDIATEMPLE.ORG](http://WWW.INDIATEMPLE.ORG)

We are pleased to welcome you to the newest version of our temple's web site. The site now contains many new features. One of the key components of the site is the ability to subscribe. Subscribed users will receive **e-alerts** that notify you of new messages containing emergency notifications, periodic information and when new content is available in specific areas of the site. Also, take advantage of the following:

- Take a look at upcoming events
- Book temple and/or services
- Enroll your children in Bal-Vihar and/or Youth Program
- Be familiar with other programs of ITA and contact appropriate teachers/chair person for enrollment
  - See yourself or your family/friends in photo gallery of various events
- Download various forms for membership, facility rental, scholarship application, puja services
  - Use PayPal feature for any and all needed payments, including donations
  - Find out important days from Calendar of Current Hindu Year
  - Know your trustees and Executive Committee leaders
  - Read Temple's history

If due to inclement weather or emergency any of the regular programs are cancelled, notice will be announced and published on our website immediately.

### **NEW TOLL FREE PHONE FOR OUR MANDIR**

**Phone number: 855-MY-MANDIR (855-696-2634)**

### **Extensions**

<b>0 - General Inquiries</b>	<b>1 - Pujari Services and Facility Rental</b>	<b>2 – Funeral and Emergency Services</b>
<b>3 - Bal Vihar Program</b>	<b>4 - Youth Program</b>	<b>5 - Seva Samiti</b>
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<b>702 - Navratri Tickets and Information</b>		<b>703 - Website Assistance</b>



## Janmashtami Celebration Report

In the evening of August 22<sup>nd</sup> devotees joyously awaited for Utsav, a celebration of Lord Krishna's birth! When adharma is rampant Lord Vishnu answers the prayers of devotees graces us by taking birth in a form that would save the world!

The mood was jubilant! Beautifully decorated flower canopy stood over swing- jhoola for Baby Krishna arrival. The swing was surrounded by the little statues of cows, pots of Tulasi, dolls of Gopis, as if entire Gokula awaited for Krishna's arrival.

At 6:30 PM puja began invoking Lord Vishnu's grace. Purushsuktam was chanted by our priests, Shri Shuklaji and Smt. Ila and Shri Mahesh Dixit. After the puja, devotees couldn't wait to sing praise of the Lord. Devotees sang and chanted Lord Krishna's name as they waited for the divine birth. Around 8:30 PM the swing was unveiled and with excitement people clapped and danced. Presence of two little ones, adorably decorated and dressed in Krishna's outfits stole the hearts of people making an evening even livelier. After the Aarati, devotees enjoyed the sumptuous Prasad leaving their hearts still chanting, "Jai, Jai Shri Krishna!" And with second Aarati at 10:00 the divine singing went on till midnight transporting Berlin New Jersey into Gokula!



## OUR CULTURE CENTER IN PROGRESS

WE, OUR CHILDREN AND OUR SENIORS NEED THIS PROJECT  
SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED

PLEASE BE A GENEROUS DONOR  
PLEASE RESPECTFULLY HONOR OUR  
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ITACC APPRECIATES DONATIONS RECEIVED SO FAR AND COUNTING ON  
RECEIVING PLEDGED DONATIONS AT THE EARLIEST

## Second-Place Essays for ITA Scholarship Award

### What is the moral responsibility of youth in making the world a peaceful place?

by Divya Giyanani

A ferocious adversary, he stands resolute in the distance; quietly, he sends a messenger with a foreboding warning, waiting for an opportune moment to strike. Suddenly, the trees, the shrubs, the grasses wither and decay. Suddenly, famine and poverty plague the streets of every city; deprived infants and children and adults cry in anguish for a morsel of food. Suddenly, the world grows corrupted, and the outbreak of war is a common threat. Yet no one responds to the anarchy that abounds. Looming in the distance, he watches, noting the failure of the human race to act. At this rate, he is coming. Chaos is coming.

The term “peace” has numerous definitions. It can mean “a state of mutual harmony between people or groups or nations” or even a “freedom of the mind from annoyance, distraction, anxiety, obsession, etc”. Regardless of an individual’s personal definition of peace, it is *our* moral responsibility to make *our* world a peaceful place not only for ourselves, but for future generations as well. Granted, peace cannot be fostered within the course of one night. Likewise, it is difficult to be developed by one individual. However, as Mahatma Gandhi once said, “Be the change you want to see in the world”. If we, the future of the world, do not strive for peace, what is the likelihood of a serene, placid future?

The Hindu scriptures preach the concept of tolerance. With the constant threat of war, the severely disturbing global poverty rates, and incalculable hate crimes, society is growing ever more impatient with new perspectives and new ideas. Therefore, it is precisely this message of tolerance, of acceptance that the youth must take to all members of this world, from the laborers in the rice fields to the President of the United States in the Oval Office. But most importantly, that change in disposition must start from within. If we, as the youth and the future of this world, can grow more accepting of other religions, other ideas, other walks of life, could we not create a respect for all? Could we not create an environment in which growth is cultivated? Could we not create a movement of change?

Take, for instance, the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City on September 11, 2001. It was an act of terrorism, of violence, and to an extent, of ignorance. Those who planned the attacks had little knowledge of American culture, and we had no knowledge of their culture. It is precisely this ignorance permitting us to make wrongful assumptions regarding another individual, another race, another people. And precisely this ignorance can lead to other attacks. To avoid a future of chaos and constant threat, it is essential for the youth to step up and become the change. They must spread this concept of tolerance. And they must educate themselves and others about new religions, new perspectives.

We live in a society where violence and sorrow and terror persist. We live in a society where resources are utilized without thought for the future, for those after us. We live in a society where peace is a figment of imagination, so far beyond the realm of reality that it oftentimes seems a myth. Some believe it impossible to create a shift in thought towards tolerance; others believe it is not their duty. However, we must remember that this is our society, our community, our world. It is our, and solely our, responsibility to fix it.

## 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 temple in Berlin

Contact: Virendra Gupta @ (856) 424-9313

### GITA STUDY GROUP:

Every Tuesday & Wednesday, 8-9 p.m. at our Berlin temple

Contact: Sharad Pimplaskar @ (856) 985-4785

### BHAJANS & STUTI:

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

Contact: Shree Shuklaji (856) 768-3134

## Regular Programs for Children and Youth

**BAL VIHAR:** For children (ages 5-13) 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

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 Temple in Berlin.

Contact: Sharad Pimplaskar at (856) 985-4785; Sangeeta at (856) 424-4211 or Sunitha at (856) 596-3215

### CREATIVE ART WORKSHOP

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

Contact: Narendra Amin (856) 429-8761

## PUJA SERVICE CHARGES, TEMPLE FACILITIES USAGE FEE AND OTHER CHARGES:

**Following provides list of applicable charges and fees.**

Shri Shuklaji will be available for religious services on request. Please check temple availability at [www.indiatemple.org](http://www.indiatemple.org);

Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the link "Temple Availability", then click on "CALENDAR tab" and, from drop down

menu, click on "EVENT/RENTAL CALENDAR". **Please contact Smt. Chetna Giyanani (856-267-5598) or Smt. Anoo Joshi**

**(856-616-2460) for the booking of the Temple Facilities and/or scheduling of Puja Services by Shuklaji.**

Please note that 50% of the listed cost of Puja performed outside the temple goes to Pujari in addition to his regular salary.

<b>PUJA SERVICE **</b>	<b>INSIDE TEMPLE</b>	<b>OUTSIDE TEMPLE</b>	<b>Following listed Fees and charges are in addition to the charges listed for Puja Services</b>
Archana(Panchopachar)	\$11	N/A	
Vahan (Vehicle) Puja	\$21	N/A	
Namakaran/Annaprashan	\$51	\$101	
Birthday	\$51	\$101	<b><u>TEMPLE FACILITIES USAGE FEE:</u></b>
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	<b><u>OTHER CHARGES</u></b>
Vastu Puja - outside service only	N/A	\$251	\$51.00 for outside 25 mile radius
Wedding Grah Shanti	\$201	\$301	\$51.00 for non-member surcharge
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	

**NOTE: Charges and availability of other Puja Services not listed above may be discussed with Smt. Chetna Giyanani @ (856) 267-5598**

## 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:

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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

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PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IF IT SHOWS "EXPIRED" IN ADDRESS LABEL

**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) \_\_\_\_\_  
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I/ We are seniors, age 65 and above and would like to join India Temple Association. I am/We are re-  
mitting the membership dues  
(please select one) Individual or Family Five year (\$25) \_\_\_\_\_  
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I am adding additional donations:  
\_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Fund \_\_\_\_\_ Special Prayer (\$301) \_\_\_\_\_ Temple Renovations  
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