



# Satsang Sandesh

## India Temple Association, Inc.

Hindu Temple, 25 E. Taunton Ave, Berlin, NJ 08009  
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### Religious Calendar

4-Aug	Amavas / Amavasya
5-Aug	1st Day of Shravan Maas, Rudrabhishek
9-Aug	Nag Panchami
11-Aug	Shitla Satam
12-Aug	Rudrabhishek
16-Aug	Putrada Ekadashi
17-Aug	Shani Pradosh, Sundarkand Paath
19-Aug	Rudrabhishek, Rakshabandhan, Naryari Punam; Satyanarayana Puja
25-Aug	Shitla Satam, Children's Janmashtami
26-Aug	Rudrabhishek, Shri Krishna Janmashtami
29-Aug	Aja Ekadashi
31-Aug	Shani Pradosh
2-Sep	Amavas/Amavasya, Last Day: Shravan Maas, Rudrabhishek

### Temple Hours

#### Saturday & Sunday

9:30AM - 12:30 PM  
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

#### Monday to Friday

10:30 AM to 12:30 PM  
5:00 to 8:00 PM

Entry through  
**Front Door Only**  
(856) 768-3134

**Satyanarayan Puja**  
Monday, August 19th — 4 PM

**Sundarkand Paath**  
Saturday, August 17th — 10 AM

### VIKRAM SAMVAT 2080 / 2024

CALENDAR AVAILABLE ONLINE AT <https://www.indiatemple.org/>

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please note change in temple hours and Aarti timings @ indiatemple.org
- For security reasons, we will be keeping the Temple's doors locked. When visiting the Temple during open hours, please dial 856-768-3134 to be admitted. Also when leaving the Temple, please make sure that the door closes completely behind you.
- For Satyanarayana Puja participants: Please provide your name to Anoo Joshi @ 856-577-3631 few days prior to puja for planning.

### 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. 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	5-Aug	Charu & Jaysukh Sheth	17-Aug
Shailendra Desai	5-Aug	Dilipkumar Patel	17-Aug
Mahesh Tekrival	7-Aug	Ghanshyam Dave	17-Aug
Tejas Patel	8-Aug	Snehal Sindvad	17-Aug
Nagraj Lingraju	10-Aug	Maganbhai Kanzaria	18-Aug
Shree Khaitan	10-Aug	Tejash Patel	20-Aug
Mahesh Dixit	11-Aug	Babubhai Patel	24-Aug
Akshaykumar Patel	15-Aug	Mitul Kanzaria	26-Aug
Kiran Desai	15-Aug	Sangita & Paresh Talati	27-Aug
Nisarg Shah	15-Aug		

## PROGRAMS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH, HEALTH, HAPPINESS & GOD REALIZATION

<https://indiatemple.org/contact.php>

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Vishnu Sahasranamam & Lalitha Sahasranamam will be recited on 1st Friday of each month starting at 10:30 AM  
In-Person Only  
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Bhagavat Gita Study organized by Sharad Pimplaskar (856) 466-1430  
Every Tuesday - 10:45 AM - Weekly  
Join Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID: 818 2564 6955; Passcode: 173521

Announcement: ITA Gita Study Group will start reading of Ishavasya Upanishad with Shankrara Bhashyam beginning September 10, 2024. Ishavasya Upanishad is one of the smaller Upanishads from Shukla Yajurveda and is first of the ten principal Upanishads commented on by Shri Shankaracharya. Though small it presents a complete Vedanta treatise on Self-Knowledge. Everyone interested in the study of our original scriptures is invited to join these sessions. These are weekly sessions on Zoom every Tuesday from 10:45 AM to 12:00 Noon.

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**ITA Senior Social Group- Currently meeting weekly**  
Contact Vinita Ganju (609) 744 8558 for additional information.  
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## PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS BY HSCSJ

### First Meeting - ANNUAL PICNIC - Sunday, August 11, 2024 at 10:30 AM

HSCSJ Annual Picnic will be held at Red Bank National Park, 100 Hessian Avenue, National Park, NJ 08063. 10.30am - 4pm. There is a limit of 100 people for the use of the pavilion at the Red Bank Park. Picnic registration is FULL. For those who have signed up for the picnic, we will have a karaoke program so please let Dhirubhai Saparia @ 856-287-1415 or any Executive Committee member know if you would like to show your talent of Bollywood songs, music, jokes or games, etc.

### Second Meeting - Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 6:15 PM

Nidhi Aggarwal - Your Golden Years - Eating Well as You Age!

Dr. Nidhi Agrawal has been a Registered Dietitian for over 25 years. She is currently working as a Corporate Dietitian for Ocean Health Care. In her current position, Nidhi has been overseeing 12 Nursing homes, 3 Adult day Care Centers. She has also been a part of Indian Adult Day Care Radha. Nidhi has a PhD in Food & Nutrition. In addition to her current job, Nidhi owns her private practice, NUTRI AID Consulting, where she provides Diet and Nutrition services to clients for different types of health problems - Diabetes Mellitus, Heart Health, Renal health, Gastrointestinal disease, Weight management, Malnutrition, etc. She has an expertise in dealing with people with various health issues and helps plan customized therapeutic diets to lead a healthy lifestyle. In her free time, Nidhi enjoys listening to music, traveling, developing new recipes and socializing with family and friends.

Snacks will be served. Please note that we will try to accommodate Jain/Swaminarayan snacks with advance notice of 48 hours prior to the meeting.

For more information, please visit [www.hinduseniors.org](http://www.hinduseniors.org)

Bharti Shah, President, HSCSJ

## CONDOLENCES

It is with heavy heart that we share the sad news that founding ITA member, Smt. Vasu M. Shah, formerly of Cherry Hill NJ, passed away on Friday, July 6th. She is survived by her husband, Mahendra; her two children, Samir and Ami, along with their respective partners; and seven grandchildren.

It is with heavy heart that we share the sad news that Smt. Sonia Arora, age 48 years, passed away on Saturday, July 6th. She was born on August 16, 1975 and was a cherished daughter of Ram and Urmil Arora, sister of Junish, sister-in-law of Rachna, and aunt of Siona and Simrin.

The ITA and its Trustees extend their sincere condolences to the Shah and Arora family. We pray that their soul may find peace and that God gives strength to their family and friends to cope with this heartfelt loss.

**CHILDREN'S JANMASHTAMI**  
Sunday, August 25, 2024 at 2:00 PM



**Program Agenda:**

- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM: Puja, Appearance by Vasudevji carrying live baby Krishna, Special Baal Krishna Jhula/Matki Celebration Aarti & Prasad
- 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM: Arts and Crafts

*Children are encouraged to come dressed as Gopal and Gopika.*

**Venue:** Hindu Berlin Temple: 25 Taunton Avenue, Berlin, NJ 08009

*If you are planning to attend this event, please sign up at the following link:*  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E4CA4AA22A2F49-50454827-childrens>

For questions and additional information contact:  
Shilpa Acharya @ 609-923-7268, Vinita Ganju @ 609-744-8558 or Vidya Shukla @ 610-703-1710.

**CELEBRATE KRISHNA'S BIRTHDAY JANMASHTAMI**

Monday, August 26, 2024 at 5:30 PM



**Program Agenda:**

- 5:30 PM - Lord Krishna Puja
- 6:00 PM – Bhajans
- 7:45 PM – Nand Bhayo
- 8:PM – First Aarti
- 9:30 PM – Second Aarti
- 12:00 AM – Midnight Krishna Pragtya Aarti

**Venue:** Hindu Berlin Temple: 25 Taunton Avenue, Berlin, NJ 08009

If you would like to participate in Bhajans, please contact Dhuru Saparia @ 856-287-1415

*We welcome all sponsorships.*

For sponsorships and additional information contact:  
Kinnari Patel @ 609-230-4040, Vinita Ganju @ 609-744-8558 or Vidya Shukla @ 610-703-1710

**SPEAKER EVENT: MINDFUL LIVING**



Rajiv Bhalani is a mind and meditation coach, NLP practitioner and a life coach for over 21 years. He is the founder of InnerShanti practice group USA and an author of more than 12 books on Mind Power, Visualization, Affirmation, Neuro Linguistic Programming (NLP) and Transaction Analysis. He has also delivered inspirational speeches and motivational seminars in big cities of India including Mumbai, Delhi, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad etc. His mission is to empower 1 Million people for Mindful living. Do you want to enhance the experience of every moment of your life? Mindfulness is the solution.

Everyone is welcome to attend Lecture in Hindi/English. Light snacks will be served after the event.

**Guest Speaker:** Rajiv Bhalani

**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2024 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

**Venue:** Berlin Hindu Temple: 25 E Taunton Ave, Berlin, NJ 08009

For more information, please contact Veena Mehta @ 856-904-3680 or Vinita Ganju @ 609-744-8558.



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**BALVIHAR PROGRAM**

**New Student Enrollment for 2024/25 Opens on May 17th**

**Purpose:** To teach Vedic Heritage and Indian Culture to children (Pre-K to 8th Grade).

**Details:** Explore website for detailed curriculum by grade and general schedule.  
[https://www.indiatemple.org/bal\\_vihar.php](https://www.indiatemple.org/bal_vihar.php)

**Timing:** 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM on designated Sundays

**Dates:** 16-17 Sundays starting in Sept. & Ending in May.

**Location:** Marlton Middle School (150 Tomlinson Mill Road, Marlton, NJ)

**ITA MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED**

Become a member: [www.indiatemple.org](http://www.indiatemple.org)

**Enrollment:**

Regular Enrollment (May 17th through June 1st): \$TBD

Late Enrollment (After June 2nd): \$TBD

Fees are NOT REFUNDABLE for any reason.

Space in the program is VERY limited. We encourage community members to enroll early.

**PUJA SERVICE & TEMPLE RENTAL FEES**

Shri Sudhirji perform religious services on request. Please contact Anoo Joshi at (855) MY-MANDIR Ext 715 to schedule a Puja Service or Rental of Temple facilities.

<u>Puja Services</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>		<u>NON-MEMBER</u>	
	Inside Temple	Outside* Temple	Inside Temple	Outside* Temple
Archana	\$21		\$21	
Vahan Pooja	\$25		\$25	
Namkaran/Annaprashan	\$51	\$101	\$151	\$201
Birthday	\$51	\$101	\$101	\$151
Shradha	\$51	\$101	\$151	\$251
Anniversary Celebration	\$101	\$151	\$201	\$251
Kesh Mundan	\$101	\$151	\$151	\$201
Satyanarayan Pooja	\$151	\$200	\$251	\$301
Engagement Ceremony	\$101	\$201	\$201	\$301
Havan/Graha Shanti	\$201	\$251	\$301	\$301
Vastu Pooja-Outside Only		\$251		\$351
Wedding per day	\$401	\$501	\$551	\$600
Upanayan/Yagnopavit	\$251	\$301	\$351	\$401
Uttarkriya Per day -Outside Only		\$151		\$251
Yagna/laghu rudra-Outside Only		\$351		\$400
Navchandi Yagna-Outside Only		\$651		\$700
Antim Kriya		No Charge		No Charge

\*IRS defined per mile charge applied for pujas outside of Temple.

In addition to their base salary, Pujaris receive 50% of Outside Puja Services payment as compensation.

<u>Facility Rental Fees</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Non-Member</u>
Prayer Hall Rental	\$251	\$301
Social Hall Rental	\$351	\$401

**Send address changes or Membership renewals to:**

ATTN: VP of Information at 25 E. Taunton Ave. Berlin, NJ 08009 or email [vpinfo@indiatemple.org](mailto:vpinfo@indiatemple.org)