



Satsang Sandesh

India Temple Association, Inc.

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

2-Oct	Shradhha Paksha Concludes
3-Oct	Shrdiya Navratra Aarambh
11-Oct	Durga Ashtami, Havan
12-Oct	Maha Navami, Vijaya Dashami / Dashera
13-Oct	Pashankush Ekadashi
16-Oct	Sharad Purnima, Shri Satyanarayana Puja
19-Oct	Sundarkand Paath
20-Oct	Karva Chauth Puja
28-Oct	Rama Ekadashi
29-Oct	Dhan Teras Puja
31-Oct	Kali Chaudas/Narak Chaturdashi; Hanuman Chalisa
1-Nov	Diwali, Laxmi Puja, Annakoot at Temple
2-Nov	Anal Naam Vikram Samvat New Year 2081
3-Nov	Bhai Beej/ Bhratri-Yam Dwitiya
6-Nov	Labh Pancham/Panchami

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
Wednesday, October 16th — 6 PM

Sundarkand Paath
Saturday, October 19th —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 Kruti Lodhavia @ 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.

Duapta Patel	1-Oct	Jitendra Dave	14-Oct
Dahyabhai & Taraben Patel	2-Oct	Surina Pandya	14-Oct
Tejal Patel	4-Oct	Renu Gupta	18-Oct
Kamlesh & Vrinda Dave	5-Oct	Bhaveshkumar Patel	19-Oct
Mosmi Shah	6-Oct	Dahyalal & Sushilaben Patel	21-Oct
Kusum N. Patel	8-Oct	Piyush Patel	23-Oct
Vijay Gandhi	10-Oct	Chandrika Patel	24-Oct
Dhayabhai & Taraben Patel	13-Oct	N. K. Gupta	26-Oct
Anvi Devika Iyer	14-Oct	Arjun Goyal	29-Oct

PROGRAMS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH, HEALTH, HAPPINESS & GOD REALIZATION

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

Vishnu Sahasranamam & Lalitha Sahasranamam will be recited on 1st Friday of each month starting at 10:30 AM
In-Person Only

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.

ITA Senior Social Group- Currently meeting weekly
Contact Vinita Ganju (609) 744 8558 for additional information.

PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS BY HSCSJ

First Meeting - Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 6:15 PM

Medicare enrollment for the year 2025 starts from October 15th, 2024.

Mr. Alan Gudis of BGA Insurance group will make a presentation on “Medicare and Product Availability” including existing plans, new plans, and changes for 2025. Mr. Gudis will also provide an introduction to BGA Insurance Group. This presentation will be followed by Q&A.

Flu Shots:

Meeta Chauhan will be coming to this meeting. She works for ShopRite and will be administering flu shots to whoever is interested. Please call Meeta Chauhan @ (856) 419-3546 if you have any questions or if you would like to sign up. Also, please bring your insurance cards for billing purpose.

Second Meeting - Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 6:15 PM

Topic: Interactive Discussion on Heart Issues

Dr. Surendra Bagaria is a practicing cardiologist in South Jersey for the last 35 years. He is a founder member of South Jersey Heart Group. Presently, the group is associated with Virtua Cardiology. He has offices in Washington Township and Berlin, New Jersey. Dr. Bagaria is a non-invasive cardiologist and board certified in Cardiology, Critical care, Echocardiography and Nuclear Cardiology. His office numbers are 856-589-0300 and 856-768-6600. Dr. Bagaria has been involved with ITA for a long time and is a humble devotee of the temple.

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

Bharti Shah, President, HSCSJ

CONDOLENCES

It is with heavy heart that we share the sad news that Smt. Kaushalya Haribhai Patel, mother of ITA Trustee Rina Patel, passed away on September 2, 2024. She was the wife of late Shri Haribhai S. Patel and is survived by loving family Harshu, Hetal, Bhruen, Parshavi, Rina & Jaydeep and grand kids Ritvik, Rahil, Renali, Serena, Nikita, Shyla & Dhiren.

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

NAVRATRI CELEBRATION

October 3 - 11 and 18, 2024



Date: October 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 18 (Sharad Poonam)

Location: Indian Cultural Center, 820 NJ-73, Marlton, NJ 08053

Time: 7:30 PM - 11:00 PM

Schedule: Pooja @ 7:30 PM / Garba @ 8 PM / Aarti @ 9PM

Food: Packaged food will be sold.

Free Jalebi and Fafda on Sharad Poonam Night.

Date: October 5

Location: Moorestown H.S, 350 Bridgeboro Rd. Moorestown, NJ 08057

Time: 7:30 PM - 12:00 AM

Schedule: Pooja @ 7:30 PM / Garba @ 8 PM / Aarti @ 9PM

Food: Packaged food will be sold.

Date: October 4, 11 (Aatham)

Address: Eastern H.S, 1401 Laurel Oak Rd, Voorhees, NJ 08043

Time: 7:30 PM - 12:00 AM

Schedule: Pooja @ 7:30 PM, Garba @ 8:00 PM and Aarti @ 9:00 PM

Food: Packaged food will be sold.

DURGA ASHTAMI HAVAN

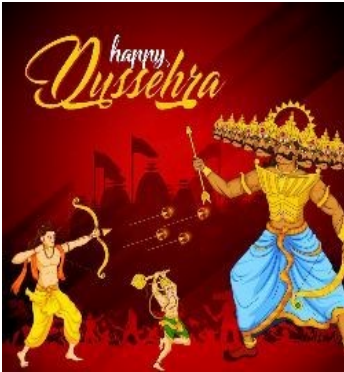
October, 11, 2024



Please join Durga Ashtami Havan on Friday, October 11, 2024
at Berlin Temple from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM.

DUSSEHRA CELEBRATION

October 19, 2024 from 3:00 PM to 8:30 PM at ICC



Dussehra 2024 Highlights:

- Fun & Vendor Activities (Indoor Auditorium): 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM
- Food, Merchandise, Jewelry, Kids Fun Activities, Surprise Gifts and many more
- Live Ramayan Play(Indoor Auditorium): 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM
- Play Presented by Classical Rhythms Dance Academy (Abhilasha Saxena)
- Ravan Dahan(Outdoor -ICC Parking Lot): 7:30 PM
- Ravan Effigy (Juggy Talwar and Team)

We are seeking sponsors and donors to support this free event. Please see details below:

Sponsorships: Grand: \$5001+

Platinum: \$1001+

Gold: \$501+

Silver: \$251+

Bronze: \$151+

Individual: \$101+

Donation: Please go to <https://www.indiatemple.org/donation-form.php>

Parking: We will be charging all cars that have less than 3 people **\$10 for parking**. We are doing this to encourage carpooling so that more people can enjoy this free event. Please be a considerate community member and carpool.

For more details, please contact:

Ramesh Gupta: 856-912-0958

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KARVA CHAETH

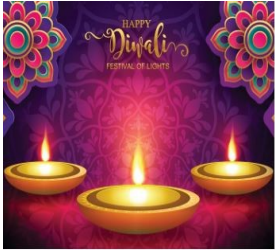
October 20, 2024



Please join us for Karva Chauth puja at Berlin Temple on Sunday October 20, 2024 at 4PM, 5PM & 6PM.

DIWALI CELEBRATIONS

October 29—Nov 2, 2024



Please join us for DIWALI celebrations. Programs details: TBD

GENERAL BODY TRUSTEE BACKGROUND, APPLICATION AND ELECTION

The ITA is searching for committed and dedicated individuals who are interested in serving our community to join the Trusteeship. Board of Trustees oversee the functioning of the entire ITA and consists of 24 members that are each elected on staggered basis for a three-year term. 21 of the Trustees are General Body Trustees and 3 of the Trustees are Advisory Board Trustees. Each year the ITA General Body must elect 7 General Body Trustees and the Advisory Board must elect one Trustee. The General Body Trustee election is held at the ITA's General Body Meeting on. The 7 candidates with the highest number of votes will be elected. In order to be an eligible for Trusteeship an individual the requirements below and those outlined in the Trustee Application:

- Believe in the Objectives of the ITA as articulated in Article III of the ITA Constitution*.
- Be willing to assume the responsibilities and requirements of Trusteeship as outlined in Article II of the ITA By-Laws*.
- Have been a continuous ITA member from October 1st, 2022 to September 30th, 2024.
- Have participated on an ITA Committee in a substantive capacity for at least one year and willing to continue volunteering and contributing to ITA activities as Trustee as required by the By-Laws*.
- Not be an elected public official; candidate for public office; or an employee of a political campaign or party.
- Not have resigned in the past 12 months or lost "Good Trustee Standing" in the past 24 months.
- Not have served five (full or partial) cumulative terms as ITA Trustee as of December 31st, 2024.

Interested candidates that meet these criteria must submit a Trustee Application via email by October 30th, 2024 in order to be considered. Soft copy of application will be available after October 1st online at:

https://www.indiatemple.org/ita_documents.php.

Email typed and completed applications to electioncom@indiatemple.org.

If you have any questions, please contact: Samir Patel, Election Committee Chair: electioncom@indiatemple.org.

ITA GENERAL BODY MEETING & ANNUAL TRUSTEE ELECTION

Saturday, December 14th at 2:00 PM

We encourage all members to attend this important event. The preliminary agenda for the meeting is below:

- ITA leadership will provide a review of the past year and priorities for the 2025.
- Trustee Candidates for 2025 to 2027 term will discuss their qualifications and planned contribution.
- Election will be conducted.
- General Body will be given the floor to ask questions.



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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

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

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 Kruti Lodhavia 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.

Facility Rental Fees

	<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