



Satsang Sandesh

India Temple Association, Inc.

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Religious Calendar

2-Feb	Vasant Panchami, Saraswati Puja
8-Feb	Jaya Ekadashi
10-Feb	Som-Pradosh
12-Feb	Purnima, Satyanarayana Puja
15-Feb	Sundarkand Paath
24-Feb	Vijaya Ekadashi
26-Feb	Mahashivaratri, Rudrabhishek
27-Feb	Amavas / Amavasya

Satyanarayan Puja
Wednesday, February 12th — 6 PM

Sundarkand Paath
Saturday, February 15th — 10 AM

VIKRAM SAMVAT 2081 / 2025

Calendar will be available soon Online at <https://www.indiatemple.org/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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.

Sushil Bhatnagar	3-Feb	Amrita Nandakumar	19-Feb
Akshay Amin	6-Feb	Ghanshyam Dave	20-Feb
Narendra Amin	6-Feb	Maya & Mason Doshi	20-Feb
Kiran Doshi	7-Feb	Gopal Patel	23-Feb
Naresh Talati	7-Feb	Priti Patel	23-Feb
Kiran Desai	7-Feb	Satish & Sulochana Patel	24-Feb
Rushikesh Parghi	13-Feb	Sureshbhai Patel	24-Feb
Jadev Gajera	14-Feb	Champak Patel	25-Feb
S. Kumar	15-Feb	Manoj Shah	26-Feb
Vaishali & Rajubhai Patel	16-Feb	Samit Desai	28-Feb
Jagdish-Maya Shah	16-Feb	Kellan Martin	28-Feb
Neel Kadakia	17-Feb		

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

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

There will be only one meeting in the month of February 2025.

Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 12.15pm

It's tax filing time again. Bob Maruvada has been practicing tax preparation and accounting in South Jersey for over ten years alongside his father Raj who has been in practice for over 30 years. Before tax and accounting, Bob was a financial advisor in Philadelphia.

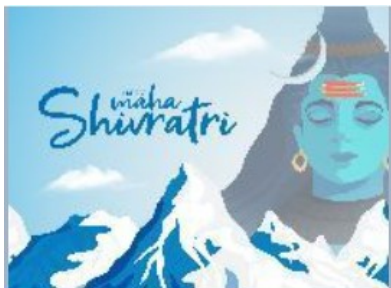
Bob will be presenting along with his partner, Nick Crippen, CFP (Certified Financial Planner) and AEP (Accredited Estate Planner), who is a fiduciary that has expertise in Planning for the senior community. They will be discussing Roth IRA conversions, when the best time to do them, what amount is right for you, and how this can affect your Medicare.

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

MAHA SHIVARATRI
Wednesday, February 26, 2025



ITA invites you to join in the celebration of Maha Shivaratri at the Berlin Temple.

Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2025

Address: 25 East Taunton Avenue, Berlin, NJ 08009

More details on activities to follow in separate communication



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BALVIHAR PROGRAM

New Student Enrollment for 2024/25 is CLOSED

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