



# Satsang Sandesh

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### Religious Calendar

- 2-Apr Panchami  
5-Apr Durga Ashtami, Havan  
Akhand Ramayan Paath  
6-Apr Shri Rama Navami  
Shri Sahajananda Jayanti  
Shri Rama Janma Puja  
8-Apr Kamada Ekadashi  
12-Apr Hanuman Jayanti and Purnima  
Shri Satyanarayana Puja  
Hanuman Chalisa Paath  
14-Apr Mesh Sankranti  
19-Apr Sundarkand Paath in Temple  
24-Apr Varuthani Ekadashi  
Shri Vallabhacharya Jayanti  
Vallabha Jayanti Celebration  
27-Apr Amavas/ Amavasy  
30-Apr Akha Trij / Akshya Tritiya  
Shri Parashuram Jayanti  
2-May Shri Aadya Shankracharya  
Jayanti (Year 2532)  
Sri Ramanujacharya Jayanti  
(Year 1007)

### 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

Saturday, April 12th – 6 PM

## Sundarkanda Paath

Saturday, April 19th – 10 AM

### VIKRAM SAMVAT 2081 / 2025

Calendar is available Online at <https://www.indiatemple.org/>  
Questions: Contact Pandit Sudhir Jha @ 855-696-2634 Ext 0

### 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.*

Ashok Barbaria	2-Apr	Desh Raj Goel	16-Apr
Urmila Gujrathi	2-Apr	Arpana & David Brunt	19-Apr
Kevin Gandhi	3-Apr	Shailendra Desai	19-Apr
Narendra Bhatt	3-Apr	Arny & Deepal Patel	20-Apr
Surendra Sheth	4-Apr	Nimisha & Rajen Jain	22-Apr
Savitaben Patel	6-Apr	Samir Khurana	22-Apr
Dipti & Monil Pandya	8-Apr	Yogendra B Choksi	22-Apr
Upen Shah	12-Apr	Neal Dube	23-Apr
Vaishali Patel	13-Apr	Ramchandra Rao	25-Apr
Siddhi Vasa	15-Apr	Hansa H. Kothari	28-Apr

**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 HSC OF SJ**

There will be 2 meetings in the month of April at ICC.

First Meeting - Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 6:15 PM

Dr. Patel will speak on Osteoporosis and Lifestyle Modifications for Arthritis. He completed his Rheumatology fellowship at Montefiore Medical Center - Albert Einstein College of Medicine, NYC (2023), and his Internal Medicine residency at Saint Barnabas Hospital, NYC (2021). Dr. Patel specializes in complex medical conditions and provides personalized care, focusing on patient education. His interests include Rheumatoid Arthritis, Psoriatic Arthritis, Ankylosing Spondylitis, Gout, Osteoporosis, Osteoarthritis, Systemic Lupus Erythematosus, and Vasculitis. He has contributed to Rheumatoid Arthritis and Scleroderma research and advocates for Musculoskeletal Ultrasound in diagnostics and procedures. He received the “Outstanding Graduate” award in medical school and “Resident of the Year” during residency. He stays current with the latest medical literature and guidelines to ensure the highest quality care. Outside of work, Dr. Patel enjoys movies, choreographing dance (Western contemporary and Bollywood), cooking with his wife, and traveling with family and friends.

Second Meeting - Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 6:15 PM

In this solo performance, Chandanbhai will take the stage as the sole vocalist, accompanied by a tabla player. The program will feature a mix of his favorite ghazals, Bollywood songs, bhajans, and even a few karaoke renditions, providing a diverse and enjoyable selection for the entertainment of our seniors.

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 former ITA Trustee, Ishvarlal Parbhubhai Patel of Cherry Hill, NJ, age 84 years, passed away on Sunday, March 16th. He is survived by his loving wife, Shila; daughters, Niketa, Sharmi, & Urvashee; son-in-law, Samir; son, Akshay; daughter-in-law, Suniti; and grandchildren, Vivek, Ananya, Vedika, & Sonam.

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

## AKHAND RAMAYAN

Saturday & Sunday, April 5 & 6 at Berlin Temple



ITA invites you to join in the celebration of 24 Hours Akhand Ramayan Paath at the Berlin Temple from Saturday, 4/05/2025 to Sunday, 4/06/2025.

### Program Schedule:

April 05 2025, Saturday:

Akhand Ramayan Path starts from 12:00 PM

Musical Ramayan Reading: 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

April 06 2025, Sunday:

Musical Ramayan Reading/Bhajan/Aarti: 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM followed by Mahaprasad

Address: Berlin Hindu Temple: 25 E Taunton Ave, Berlin, NJ 08009

Above event will be live broadcasted on ITA YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/indiatemple>

## HANUMAN JAYANTI AND SATYANARAYAN PUJA

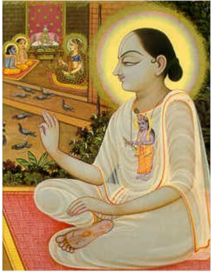
Saturday, April 12 at Berlin Temple



Recital Time: 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM followed by Satyanarayan Puja  
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## VALLABH JAYANTI

Saturday, April, 26 at Berlin Temple



The Hindu Temple in Berlin will celebrate Vallabh Jayanti on Saturday, April 26, 2025 from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. There will be a chanting of Pushti marg's Yamunasthaka, and other "PĀTHA", followed by melodious Kirtans.

Mahaprasad will be served after the Aarti at 6:30 PM.

For more information, please call Dhiru Sapia at 856-287-1415, Lalji Bhimani at 856-397-9274, Rashmi Darji at 856-669-7569, Kiran Doshi at 609-405-2641 OR Vijesh Darji 609-675-6141.

Any contributions or donations towards Mahaprasad will be greatly appreciated.

## SAVE THE DATES

**Jagadguru Swami Dr. Ram Kamal Das Vedantiji sermons at Berlin Temple**

Sunday, May 4 through Wednesday May 7, 2025, Time: 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Topic: Continuation from the last year: From Sri Ram Charitmanas

Dr. Ram Kamaldasji, Pujya Maharaj-ji a resident of Varanasi, India, is an expert speaker. He has captured the hearts of devotees all over India and in many, many parts of the world, including but not limited to devotees in UK, Germany, Fiji, and USA. He has written and published several books, such as Bhakti Path, Vedanta Pravah and Manas Vandana. Having a Ph.D. in Upanishads and MA in Hindi, he is an internationally known "Kathakar". He was invited in the year 2000 for and by the United Nations Religious Conference and it is our great fortune that he has blessed our temple, congregation and community every year since then, except the Covid time.

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**BALVIHAR PROGRAM**

**New Student Enrollment for 2025/26 Opens on May 15th**

**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): \$252

Late Enrollment (After June 2nd): \$263

**Detailed Information Available at:**

<https://www.indiatemple.org/balvihar.php>

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	\$25			
Vahan Pooja	\$25			
Namkaran/Annaprashan	\$101	\$151	\$251	\$301
Birthday	\$101	\$151	\$151	\$201
Shradha	\$101	\$201	\$251	\$351
Anniversary Celebration	\$151	\$201	\$251	\$301
Kesh Mundan	\$151	\$201	\$201	\$251
Satyanarayan Pooja	\$201	\$300	\$351	\$401
Engagement Ceremony	\$201	\$301	\$301	\$401
Havan/Graha Shanti	\$251	\$351	\$401	\$401
Vastu Pooja-Outside Only		\$351		\$451
Wedding per day	\$501	\$601	\$651	\$701
Upanayan/Yagnopavit	\$351	\$401	\$451	\$501
Uttarkriya Per day -Outside Only		\$251		\$351
Yagna/laghu rudra-Outside Only		\$401		\$451
Navchandi Yagna-Outside Only		\$701		\$751
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	\$351	\$401
Social Hall Rental	\$451	\$501

**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)