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Calendar

2-Mar	Holikadahan Vrat Purnima Satyanarayana Puja
13-Mar	Gangaur Celebration
14-Mar	Sundarkand Paath
15-Mar	Papmochani Ekadashi
16-Mar	Som Pradosh
19-Mar	Amavas / Amavasya Chaitri New Year Gudi Padvo / Ugadi Vasanti Navratra Aarambh,
21-Mar	Mata Ki Chowki Celebration
23-Mar	Panchami
26-Mar	Durga Ashtami Havan at 5PM
27-Mar	Shri Rama Navami Shri Sahajananda Jayanti Shri Rama Janma Puja in Temple @ 10:30 AM
28-Mar	Akand Ramayan Paath starts
29-Mar	Akand Ramayan Paath ends Kamada Ekadashi
2-Apr	Hanuman Jayanti & Purnima Satyanarayana Puja

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, March 2nd — 6 PM

Sundarkand Paath
Saturday, March 14th — 10 AM

VIKRAM SAMVAT 2082 / 2026
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 $401 for members and $451 for non-members. *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.*

Jashwantlal Mehta	1-Mar	Rima Gandhi	15-Mar
Lakshmi Pillalamani	1-Mar	Vishwabandhu Gambhir	16-Mar
Raj and Anita Chopra	1-Mar	Troy Hudson	17-Mar
Anisha Desai	8-Mar	Bhanumati Mehta	18-Mar
Shashi Gupta	8-Mar	Jaysukh Sheth	19-Mar
Sharad Pimplaskar	9-Mar	Dinesh Desai	20-Mar
Chandubhai Patel	11-Mar	Vinnu Shah	23-Mar
Harshad Patel	12-Mar	Aarav Shah	28-Mar
Nishtha and James Hudson	14-Mar	Hemlata G. Patel	29-Mar
Ketan Shah	14-Mar	Navin Gupta	31-Mar
Dhiraj Panda	15-Mar		

PROGRAMS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH, HEALTH, HAPPINESS & GOD REALIZATION

https://www.indiatemple.org/contact-us.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.

PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS BY HSCSJ

There will be one meeting in the month of March 2026.

Time: 12:15 PM
Location: ICC
Topic: Financial literacy by Puja Gupta and her organization.

Financial confidence is essential at every stage of life, and it becomes even more important as we focus on protecting the wealth and legacy we've built. This session will cover key financial literacy topics—managing cash flow, preserving savings, preparing for emergencies, planning for retirement, and exploring vehicles for strategic, long-term wealth growth. We are pleased to have Shweta Jhunjhunwala, a financial professional with over half a decade of experience, who will share practical insights on building and protecting wealth. We are also honored to host attorney Holly Gerdees, who will explain wills, trusts, and essential estate-planning strategies. Join us for guidance that brings clarity and peace of mind.

Lalji Bhimani
President HSCSJ on behalf of EC team

GANGAUR CELEBRATION

Friday, March 13th, at Berlin Temple

ITA invites ladies to celebrate Gangaur, the worship of Goddess Gauri at Berlin Temple on Friday, 3/13/2026 from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM.

Gangaur is a colorful and important festival of the people of Rajasthan and is observed with great fervor and devotion by women who worship the goddess Gauri (Parvati), the consort of Shiva during the Hindu month of Chaitra.

"LADIES ONLY EVENT".
Dress code: Bridal Hues / Black garments discouraged

Please RSVP by March 8th, at:
RSVP LINK

Contact: Kruti Lodhavia at 856-912-9972
Click here to donate: Donation Form

MATA KI CHOWKI

Saturday, March 21 at ICC

ITA invites you to join in the celebration of Mata Ki Chowki at ICC from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM. RSVP and $3 reservation required. All proceeds will be donated to Maitri, non-profit committed to helping women.

Click here to reserve spot and make $3 contribution:
RSVP Link

Program:

Devi Puja: 3-3:30 PM
Live Bhajans 3:45 - 5:45 pm
Tala Srithi Dance Performance: 6:15 - 6:30 pm
Aarti Followed by Prasad: 6:45 pm+

We are looking for sponsors and donors.
Contact: Garima Thapar Kohli at 408-823-7086
Click here to donate: Donation Form

AKHAND RAMAYAN

Saturday, March 28 and Sunday, March 29th at Berlin Temple

ITA invites you to join in the celebration of 24 Hours Akhand Ramayan Paath at the Berlin Temple.

We are looking for sponsors and donors.
Contact: Ramesh Gupta at 856-912-0958
Click here to donate: Donation Form

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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

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): $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.

	MEMBER		NON-MEMBER	
Puja Services	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
Baby Shower	$101	$201	$251	$301
Anniversary Celebration	$151	$201	$251	$301
Kesh Mundan	$151	$201	$201	$251
Satyanarayan Pooja	$201	$301	$351	$401
Rudrabhishek Pooja	$201	$301	$351	$401
Engagement Ceremony	$201	$301	$301	$401
Havan/Graha Shanti	$251	$351	$401	$451
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 rudrra-Outside Only		$401		$451
Navchandi Yagna-Outside Only		$701		$751
Annual Special Prayers	$401		$451	
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	Member	Non-Member
Prayer Hall Rental	$401	$451
Social Hall Rental	$501	$551

Send address changes or Membership renewals to:
ATTN: VP of Information at 25 E. Taunton Ave. Berlin, NJ 08009 or email vpinfo@indiatemple.org