Satsang Sandesh

India Temple Association, Inc.

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

5-Nov Rama Ekadashi

6-Nov Dhanteras

7-Nov Kali Chaudas / Narak Chaturdashi
Hanuman Chalisa Paath

8-Nov Diwali
Annkut
Laxhmi Puja

9-Nov Somavati Amavas /Amavasya

10-Nov Kaalyukta Naam
Samvatsar Year 2083

11-Nov Bhai Beej / Bhratri-Yam Dwitiya

14-Nov Labh Pancham / Panchami
Sundarkand Paath

21-Nov Dev-Prabodhini Ekadashi
Tulsi Vivah

24-Nov Dev Diwali / Purnima
Guru Nanak Jayanti
Shri Satyanarayana Puja

Temple Hours

Saturday & Sunday
9:30AM -12:30 PM
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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

Entry through
Front Door Only
(856)768-3134

Satyanarayan Puja
Tuesday November 24 - 6 PM

Sunderkaand Paath
Saturday November 14 - 10 AM

VIKRAM SAMVAT 2083-2084 / 2027
The 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.*

Lalit Patel	1-Nov	Hansi Deshbandhu	17-Nov
Dunthur Puttaswamy	2-Nov	Bimal Patel	18-Nov
Piyush Patel	2-Nov	Mahesh Dixit	18-Nov
Chandrika Patel	3-Nov	Mahesh Dixit	20-Nov
Roopali Gupta	4-Nov	Jagdishver Patel	21-Nov
Kishan Ravani	5-Nov	Nagindas & Champaben Shah	22-Nov
Arun Maheswari	9-Nov	Kusum N. Patel	24-Nov
Barbara Desai	11-Nov	Kusum N. Patel	28-Nov
Surendra Bagaria	15-Nov	Rital Patel	28-Nov

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 the 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: The ITA Gita Study Group will begin reading the Ishavasya Upanishad with Shankara's Bhashyam on 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. However small, it presents a complete Vedanta treatise on Self-Knowledge. Everyone interested in studying 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

No meeting - Tuesday, November 10th:

We all certainly deserve a well-earned break! October has been a busy and joyful month, filled with Navaratri, Dussehra, and many community gatherings. We sincerely thank our dedicated participants and volunteers for their hard work on the Diwali Show. ICC continues to shine as a crown jewel of our community, offering cultural programs, entertainment, and health and wellness activities. At the same time, our beloved Berlin Temple fills our hearts with devotion and peace. We are fortunate to have both institutions bringing us together, and we thank everyone who helps make our community so special.

First Meeting - Tuesday, November 24th: *Reformat

Topic: Emergency SOS Features & Solo and Duet Singing — Open Mic

- Join us for a brief presentation on how to use the Emergency and SOS features on your smartphone.
- Since we could not accommodate all our singers at the Diwali Party, we will devote the rest of the program to singing. Anyone who wishes to perform a solo or duet is welcome! A little learning, followed by some enjoyable entertainment.

Lalji Bhimani, President, HSCSJ,
On behalf of the EC Team

CONDOLENCES

It is with a heavy heart that we share the sad news that Smt. Amita N. Bhatt, age 71, of Cherry Hill, NJ passed away on Sunday, October 4, 2026. She is survived by her husband, Naresh; her son, Brian; her daughter-in-law, Palak; her daughters, Mamta & Kristina and her four beloved grandchildren, Leo, Novah, Amaya & Noor.

It is with a heavy heart that we share the sad news that Shri Jayesh “Babul” Mehta, age 75, of Voorhees, NJ passed away on Monday, October 5, 2026. Jayesh Mehta was an active ITA volunteer and member of the Audit Committee for many years. He is survived by his wife Uma Mehta (Shah); three children, Uttara, Siddharth & Radha; sons-in-laws, Sheel Motiwala & Eli Raymond, grandchildren Sonia & Niam; and siblings, Charu Vora & Kirit Mehta.

It is with a heavy heart that we share the sad news that Shri Jayantibhai "JC" Patel, age 91, of Voorhees, NJ passed away on Sunday, November 1, 2026. He was a longtime active member and volunteer of ITA and the Hindu Senior Group. He is survived by his wife, Sharda; sons, Jaysheel & Jaydeep; daughters in- laws, Varsha & Rina and grandchildren, Sonya, Priya, Rahil, Renali & Serena.

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

DIWALI & VIKRAM SAMVAT

The ITA invites you & your family to celebrate Dhanteras, Kali Chaudas, Diwali, Laxmi Puja, and Annakut at the Berlin Temple. Annakut Prasad will be accepted.



DHANTERAS PUJA
Date: Friday, November 6th
Time: 6:30 PM

DIWALI & ANNAKUT DARSHAN
Date: Sunday, November 8th
Temple hours: 9 AM to 9 PM
Aarti Times: 10 AM, 12 PM, 2 PM, 4 PM, 5 PM, 6 PM, 7 PM, 8 PM, and 9 PM
Annakut: If you would like your Prasad to be part of Annakut Decoration on the altar, please drop off at the temple by 12 PM on Saturday, November 7th.

VIKRAM SAMVAT / NEW YEAR
Date: Tuesday, November 10th
Temple hours: 6 AM - 8:30 PM
Aarti times: 6:30 AM, hourly 7 AM to 12 PM, & 5 PM to 8 PM

For any questions or additional information, please contact:
Vinita Ganju: 609-744-8558, Chirag Kansagra: 856-986-2966, or Vidya Shukla: 610-703-1710

CHILDRENS DIWALI

Saturday, November 14th, 2026

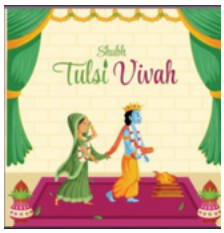
Join us for an afternoon of Diwali celebrations – Organized by kids and for kids!
- Pooja performed for Kids
- Arts & Crafts for kids
- Child friendly Prasad and Aarti

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TULSI VIVAH

Saturday, November 21st 2026

ITA invites your family to celebrate the marriage of the plant Tulsiji with Shaligram (a form of God Vishnu).



Program Details:

Baarat starts at 3:30 PM followed by the marriage ceremony and Maha Prasad.

Bridal Yajman: Bharti and Himesh Soni

Groom Yajman: Mona and Vimesh Modi

RSVP: Tulsi Vivah Sign Up Link
Please review the available slots and follow the in-website instructions to validate your attendance.

ITA GENERAL BODY MEETING & ANNUAL TRUSTEE ELECTION

Saturday, December 12, 2026, 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 2027.
- Trustee Candidates for 2027 to 2029 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 2026/27 Open

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

Details: Explore the website for a detailed curriculum by grade and general schedule: www.indiatemple.org/balvihar.php

Timing: 10:00AM–1:00PM 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:
Late Enrollment (After June 2nd): $275

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 servicesonrequest. Please contact Kruti Lodhavia at (855) MY-MANDIR Ext 715 to schedule a Puja Service or Rental of Temple facilities.

Puja Services	MEMBER		NON-MEMBER	
	Inside Temple	Outside* Temple	Inside Temple	Outside* Temple
Archana	$25			
Vahan Pooja	$25	$151	$251	$301
Namkaran/Annaprashan	$101	$151	$151	$201
Birthday	$101	$201	$251	$351
Shradha	$101	$201	$251	$301
Baby Shower	$101	$201	$251	$301
Anniversary Celebration	$151	$201	$201	$251
Kesh Mundan	$151	$301	$351	$401
Satyanarayan Pooja	$201	$301	$351	$401
Rudrabhishek Pooja	$201	$301	$301	$401
Engagement Ceremony	$201	$351	$401	$451
Havan/Graha Shanti	$251	$351		$451
Vastu Pooja-Outside Only		$601	$651	$701
Wedding per day	$501	$401	$451	$501
Upanayan/Yagnopavit	$351	$251		$351
Uttarkriya Per day -Outside Only		$401		$451
Yagna/laghu rudrra-Outside Only		$701		$751
Navchandi Yagna-Outside Only				
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

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