



Satsang Sandesh

India Temple Association, Inc.

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

October 31 Monday
 Vikram Samvat Kartik
 November 01 Tuesday
 Bhratri Dwitiya / Bhia Bij /
 Dwitiya
 November 5 Saturday
 Labh Panchami
 November 10 Thursday
 Prabodhini Ekadashi for
 Smartas
 November 11 Friday
 Prabodhini Ekadashi for
 Bhagvatas/Vaishnava
 Dev Prabodhini / Devothana
 Ekadashi / Tulsi Vivah
 November 14 Monday
 Dev Diwali / Purnima / Shri
 Guru Nanak Jayanti
 November 24 Thursday
 Utpatti Ekadashi

Monthly Activities
 Kshamatemple@gmail.com

November 19, Saturday
 Sunderkand Path 10am

November 14, Monday
 Shri Satyanarayan Pooja
 6pm

Monthly Bhajans

November 11 Friday 8-9 pm
 • Shree Ji Bhajan
 Urmi Upadhyay 856-424-9328
 Charu Sheth 856-662-8754

November 18 Friday 8-9 pm
 • Satya Sai Baba of Medford
 P.K.Prabhakar 856-596-3147

Tulsi Vivah--Final Event of the Year



Friday November 11, from 6 pm

Tulsi Vivah is the ceremonial marriage of the Tulsi plant to the Hindu god Vishnu or his Avatar Krishna. This ceremony can be performed any time between Prabodhini Ekadashi - the eleventh lunar day of the bright fortnight of the Hindu month Kartik to the full moon of the month but usually it is performed on the eleventh or the twelfth lunar day. The day varies from region to region. The Tulsi wedding signifies the end of the monsoon and the beginning of the Hindu wedding season.

November 14, Monday
 Shri Satyanarayan Pooja 6pm

November 19, Saturday
 Sunderkand Path 10am

General Body Meeting and Trustee Election Sunday, December 11 at 5:00 PM

Please make yourself available to attend this most important meeting to show your support for our facility and the organization, which is being administered on a democratic principle. Our constitution makes all of you jointly owning this non-profit religious facility for the preservation of our culture, heritage and, most importantly, Hindu Religion for our children and grand children.

We will make sure we will have enough MAHAPRASAAD to treat you all.

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. Also, at your request, Shri. Bhupendra Shuklaji 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.

• Patel Lalit	Nov 01	Deshbandhu Hansi	Nov 17
• Patel Piyush	Nov 02	Dixit Mahesh	Nov 18
• Puttaswamy Dunthur	Nov 02	Patel Bimal	Nov 18
• Patel Chandrika	Nov 03	Dixit Mahesh	Nov 20
• Gupta Roopali.	Nov 04	Patel Jagdishver	Nov 21
• Ravani Kishan	Nov 05	Shah Champaben	Nov 22
• Maheswari Arun	Nov 09	Patel Kusum N.	Nov 24
• Desai Barbara	Nov 11	Patel Kusum N.	Nov 28
• Bagaria Surendra	Nov 15	Patel Rital	Nov 28

Condolences

Pushpaben Ranjitbhai Patel, life member and wife of our late Trustee Shri Ranjitbhai Patel and mother of Mayhul and Denise Patel, passed away on October 7. ITA and its Board extend their sincere condolences to Mayhul's family.
Lilavatiben Shah, mother of Nutanben Ravani, passed away on October 11. ITA and its Board extend their sincere condolences to Nutanben's family.
Kanu Prakash Rastogi, son of Somil and Smita Prakash Rastogi passed away on October 11. ITA and its Board extend their sincere condolences to Prakash Rastogi family.

PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS BY HSC OF NJ ICC, 820 RT 73, MARLTON, NJ

November 7, 2016 (MONDAY), 6:30 PM

Dr. Surendra Bagaria, MD, a well known Cardiologist in our South Jersey will talk about symptoms such as shortness of breath, dizziness, chest pains, heart problems identified and cared for. It may include heart failure, heart aneurysms, coronary artery disease, arrhythmia, angina, and congenital heart defects. The presentation will be mostly in inter-active form.

November 21, 2016 (MONDAY), 6:30 PM

Gregory Gudis and Allan Gudis of BGA Insurance Group will dwell on Health Care Options as you know the last date for change-over of Plans is December 7, 2016. They will also talk about Long Term Care, Life Insurance, Senior Living and Retirement Planning as it relates to the Senior's.

If you want to sponsor for snacks, please call Manju Goel at 856-424-9028

From Me to Yo

Pranams!

The German metaphysician and a mystic of the medieval times, Meister Eckhart once said, 'If the only words that you utter in your prayer everyday are 'Thank You', then that alone will suffice.'

Life is not about being desirous of better times or hoping for greater materialistic or even spiritual status. It is about being Thankful to God at all times. It is pertinent to ponder on the fact that we typically believe that we have become successful by our own efforts; little do we know that that it is by God's Will that everything happens.'

The 15th century Gujarati poet, Narsinh Mehta says,

'Perform rituals, meditation, and penance precisely;

Hari comes not even in a dream,

That same Hari appears most easily,

When sought with devoted passion

Sri Hari, You alone are the Universe;

In myriad forms, You appear infinite,

As soul in the body, You are the essence in the light;

Living in the void as the Word'

Let us exhibit true devotion to our Lord when we visit our Mandir at all times, so we realize who we really are!

Ramesh Viswanathan, ITA President

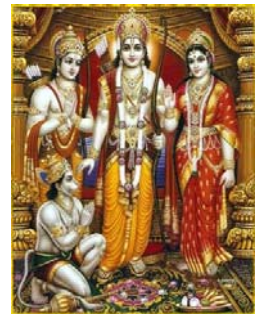


Monthly Pujas at Mandir **SATYANARAYAN PUJA** **November 14 @ 6:00 PM**

Anyone can sit in this Puja and receive blessings of Lord Satyanarayan. Please contact Charuben at 856-662-8754 or Kshamaji at 707-332-3400 if you are planning to be Puja Participant. Suggested Donation of \$31 or more from Puja participants will be appreciated.

Mahaprasad sponsored by Indian Vila will be served at the conclusion of Puja

SUNDARKAND PAATH
Saturday, November 19 @ 10 AM to 12:00 Noon
Followed by Mahaprasaad sponsored by Gagan Palace



Navratri 2016, Bal-Vihar Navratri and Ravan Dahan

ITA is proud to announce great success in celebrations of these events. These events cannot be successful without dedicated support of the participants, volunteers, donors, our pujaries and local organizations. Every year these programs bring community together and increased success of these programs shows how our community is looking forward to these programs. Bal-Vihar Navratri and Ravan Dahan celebrations brought many children along with their parents recognizing ITA and its services. ITA Board of Trustees extends its sincere appreciation for such supports and looking forward to continued supports from everyone involved.

Recognition For Major Donors

ITA will publish in December Satsang names of major donors who contributed \$1000 or more towards major ITA events and/or towards General Donation to meet ITA expenses for 2016. This will allow ITA to recognize and appreciate services from these donors whose monetary help keeps ITA continue its services to our community and future generation. End of the year is not too far. Please take advantage of tax deductible contribution and help our Sanatan Mandir open to everyone practicing Hinduism.

Senior Social Group

Senior Social Group (SSG) will meet every Tuesday at 1pm in the Social Hall at Berlin Temple. Please contact Mr. Bhulabhai Bhaktaji at 8569830769 for details.

YOGA Classes at Berlin Mandir

FREE YOGA CLASSES FOR ALL : Please see our WEB CALENDAR on www.indiatemple.org and see schedule day and time for this class on Saturday Mornings. It will cover soft but complete exercise, pranayama and short meditation. There may be another YOGA CLASS FOR BACKACHE for an hour in weekday morning, provided there is enough interest.

Please call Dr. Veena S. Gandhi at 856-435-9148.

Although classes are free, participants can donate money to ITA for Dr. Gandhi's valuable time.

GENERAL BODY MEETING

DECEMBER 11, 5:00 PM AT OUR MANDIR IN BERLIN

AGENDA

- Presentation of a report on the overall status of your association –Ramesh Viswanathan, President
- Presentation of a report on the financial status of your Association – Shobna Daga, Treasurer,
- Q & A session (Please excuse the administration if we have to limit to only important concerns)
- Resolution of applicable changes to Constitution and By-Laws
- Elections for the Board of Trustees conducted by Dahyabhai Patel, Election Chair
- Mahaprasad sponsored by Trustees

We are thankful to so many of you who continue to provide selfless service to our association. Board of trustees (BOT) urges those who have not yet come forward, to get involved and to lend your intellect and energy in making a difference to our Temple and its future. We are always looking for new leadership, new contributors, new ideas, and new energy for our association.

Requirements for an active member to have voting privileges for ITA items, per Article I of our bylaws, are:

1. current member of good standing as defined in Article VIII A of the Constitution
2. To vote for General Body matters including Trustee Election and/or to be eligible Nominee for Trustee, person must have a valid and continued membership between October 1, 2014 and September 30, 2016 without any lapse period other than allowable grace period.
3. Age eighteen or older
4. There will be no PROXY voting. Voting Member must be physically present to vote.
5. There will be no floor nomination allowed or accepted.

ITA Board encourages every participant in our Temple to make sure that his/her membership is active. Board would also like to encourage those with expired memberships to consider renewing for five years or even becoming life members. Many of you with children in our Sunday school would benefit from longer membership renewal since your kids may potentially have eight years of Bal Vihar and five years of Youth Program participation ahead of them. We have made the process easy with our new online renewal process.

Proposed Change to Trustees' Zonal Requirements

Background

Current by-laws are based on original constitution to encourage 50% of Trustees' Composition from all parts of India. Now that we are at a stage that many young parents are born outside of India and do not fall into any zone category. According to our Constitution only General Body is empowered to make changes to Trustee related matters. Proposed change will be presented to GB's voting.

Proposed Change to Article II of By-Laws by adding following under Item 3

Zone requirements are waived for those who are born after December 31, 1965, provided they meet all other requirements for the membership as well as trustee's qualifications.

ITA GENERAL BODY MEETING & ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

Nominations along with completed forms are invited from General Body members by **November 16, 2016**. Nomination forms will be available by October 15 and can be downloaded from www.indiatemple.org. Please return completed and signed form to ITA Election Committee, PO Box 1877, Voorhees, NJ, 08043 or you can email your form to Electioncom@indiatemple.org. All emails and forms must be received by **November 16, 2016**. Please contact Election Committee for any question at 1-(855) MY MANDIR (855-696-2634) x 715 via Email Electioncom@indiatemple.org or visit www.indiatemple.org.

Further requirements for the nomination include valid membership for the two consecutive years (October 1st 2014 through September 30th, 2016), believing in ITA Constitution, one year work experience with any of the ITA Committees and willingness to volunteer time and services for ITA activities. If there are insufficient numbers of nominations received by the deadline, remaining vacancies may be filled by the Board in accordance with ITA Constitution and Bylaws.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO BECOME A TRUSTEE OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT

Dahyabhai Patel (Election Committee Chairman) at Electioncom@indiatemple.org.

Seat	Zone	Zone Service notes	Eligible for re-election – renewal of Seat / Zone Y – Trustee is eligible to be re-elected N – Trustee is ineligible for re-election of additional term. Maximum of 3 consecutive terms served.
1	West	Devang Parikh	N—Outgoing trustee
1	North	Rakesh Kohli	Y— Eligible for the Third Term
1	South	Vinay Vardhana	Y-- Eligible for the Second Term
1	Open	Hansaben Kanzaria	Y-- Eligible for the Second Term
1	Open	Denni Depani	Y-- Eligible for the Third Term
1	Open	Girish Talati	Y-- Eligible for the second Term
1	Founding/Life	Lalit Patel	Y-- Eligible for the Third Term
1	East	Shobana Daga	Y-- Eligible for the Second Term
1	East	VACANT-PARTIAL ONE YEAR	From previous terms 2015-2017
1	Open	VACANT-PARTIAL TWO YEAR	From previous term 2016-2018
1	North	VACANT-PARTIAL TWO YEAR	From previous term 2016-2018

1. Zone qualification will be given first priority for the election of Trustees.
2. Nomination form submitted from non-qualified zone may be considered eligible when there is no other qualified nomination from that zone.
3. Trustees elected or appointed for the partial term will be eligible for re-election in future solely based on expiry of partial term.
4. Each Reelected Trustee will be assigned appropriate published term from the elected Zone.
5. Newly elected or appointed Trustee will be assigned first full term or partial first term from the elected or appointed Zone.

ITA takes this opportunity to thank all outgoing Trustees for their dedicated support and looking forward to their continued support for the ITA activities.

Dahyabhai patel

On Behalf of Election Committee

ITA Trusteeship - Nomination Form (Term 2017-2019, Election Year 2016)

I, the undersigned _____ residing at _____ would like to present my name for consideration as an ITA Trustee (see category checked below):

I also declare that -

I am an ITA member for continuous period of two years (October 1, 2014 through September 30th, 2016).

I believe in ITA constitution, accept and uphold the objectives outlined in it.

If I am an outgoing trustee, I have NOT been a trustee for the last three consecutive terms (My first term started in Year _____).

I have worked for at least one year in any ITA committee or any association activity and am willing to volunteer my time to ITA projects (please fill in the details below):

Past: and Future: Committees/Programs _____

Chairperson for that Committee _____

Date of my Involvement: _____

My background and expertise are in _____ (Hinduism, Accounting, Information Technology, Arts, Culture, Education, Music, Engineering/Science, etc.).

I am eligible and wish to be a trustee from one of the following *categories/zones* (please check your selection, check **ONLY ONE** that applies). (**If you choose a non-qualified zone, you may be considered for the election from that zone provided no other Qualified Nominee from that zone has filed his/her nomination.**)

North Zone ___ South Zone ___ East Zone ___ West Zone ___ Founding ___ Open ___

Category/Zone Definitions:

1. North Zone: Chandigarh, Delhi, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Uttarakhand, and Uttar Pradesh
2. South Zone: Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Pondicherry
3. East Zone: Andaman, Arunachal, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa, Sikkim, Tripura, West Bengal
4. West Zone: Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Goa, Daman and Diu, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, and Lakshadweep
5. Founding: Founding or Life member of ITA
6. Open: Open for any Zone including Founding/Life members

Note:

All information pertaining to ITA matters including membership information is privileged to the ITA Trustees and its Board members and confidential and not intended for the personal use of the recipient(s) named above. ITA membership information may not be reviewed, copied and/or distributed to general public without the written approval of the ITA Board.

Deadline for form submission is November 16, 2016. Please return completed and signed form to ITA Election Committee, PO Box 1877, Voorhees, NJ, 08043 (if mailed, postmarked by 11/15/2016) or you can email your form to Electioncom@indiatemple.org. All forms emailed must be received by midnight, November 16, 2016. For questions, please contact Election Committee: Phone: 1-(855) MY MANDIR (855-696-2634) x 715, or Email Electioncom@indiatemple.org.

Signature: _____ Date _____ Contact phone # _____ Email _____

Nominee Questionnaire:

Name: _____

Experience: Professional, Mandir areas of expertise that you possess that can be used to contribute to benefit the Mandir in the areas of: Mandir governance, program management and execution, Fundraising, Membership Relations.

The Trustees hold six regular meetings a year and one General Body Meeting. We celebrate many festivals. How many meetings can you attend? How many festivals can you organize and how many can you volunteer at? How much time can you devote to the Mandir on a daily, weekly, monthly basis?

Eligibility requires one year in “any ITA committee or activity”. This is in Article II of the BL. What contribution have you made to our Mandir in the last three years?

What would you suggest to improve the membership of our temple congregation, how would you achieve it?

What are your ideas on improving our Mandir?

**PROGRAMS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH
YOGA ABHYAS FOR HEALTH, HAPPINESS &
GOD REALIZATION:**

Contact: Vina Gandhi at 856-435-9148

GITA STUDY GROUP:

Every Tuesday 8-9 pm at our Mandir

Contact: Sharad Pimplaskar @ (856) 985-4785

BHAJANS & STUTI:

Every Friday, 7:30-9 pm

Contact: Shree Shuklaji(856) 768-6785

REGULAR PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

BALVIHAR: For children (PRE-K to 8th Grade) teaches Sanatana Dharma, Vedic Heritage and Indian Culture. Two Sundays a month from 10 am - 1 pm @ Marlton Middle School Contact: Malathi Shankar (856) 424-7849 or Bhavesh Patel 1-855-my-mandir ext 3.

YOUTH PROGRAM: A program for young adults (8th to 12th Grade) and parents. Two Sundays a month from 9:45 am - 1 pm at our Mandir. Contact: Praveen Garg (856) 783-4692 or Sangeeta Rashatwar (856) 424-4211

CREATIVE ART WORKSHOP

1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday @ 9:30 am at our Mandir

Contact: Sudha Patel (856)489-4065

PUJA SERVICE CHARGES, TEMPLE FACILITIES USAGE FEE AND OTHER CHARGES:

The following provides list of applicable charges and fees. Shri Shuklaji /Shri Sudhirji will be available for religious services on request. Please note that 50% of the listed cost of Puja performed outside the temple goes to Pujari in addition to his regular salary. Please check temple availability at www.indiatemple.org; Click on “CALENDAR tab” and, from drop-down menu, Click on “EVENT/RENTAL CALENDAR”. **Please contact Shri. Divyakant Parikh at 1-855-MY-MANDIR Ext 1 for the booking of the Temple Facilities and/or scheduling of Puja Services by Shuklaji or Sudhirji.**

Please note that 50% of the listed cost of Puja performed outside the temple goes to Pujari in addition to his regular salary.

PUJA SERVICE **	INSIDE TEM- PLE	OUTSIDE TEMPLE	Following listed fees and charges are in addition to the charges listed for Puja Services
Archana(Panchopachar)	\$11	N/A	
Vahan (Vehicle) Puja	\$21	N/A	
Namakaran/Annaprashan	\$51	\$101	
Birthday	\$51	\$101	
Shraddha	\$51	\$101	
Anniversary Celebration	\$101	\$151	
Seemant	\$101	\$151	
Kesh Mundan Puja	\$101	\$151	
Sodashopchar, Kalash Puja, Punyah-Vachan or Blessings	\$101	\$151	
Satyanarayan Puja	\$121	\$151	
Engagement Ceremony	\$101	\$201	
Havan/Grah Shanti	\$201	\$251	
Vastu Puja - outside service only	N/A	\$251	
Wedding Grah Shanti	\$201	\$301	
Wedding Ceremony per day	\$301	\$351	
Upanayan/Yagnopavita	\$251	\$301	
Antim Rites (Funeral Service)	Voluntary donation		
Uttar Kriya per day-outside service only	N/A	\$101	
Yagna//laghu rudra - outside service only	N/A	\$351	
Navchandi Yagna—outside service only	N/A	\$651	

TEMPLE FACILITIES USAGE FEE:

Prayer Hall: \$200

Social Hall: \$300

OTHER CHARGES

\$51. travel charges for 25 to 50 miles

\$101 travel charges for 51 to 100 miles

\$51 Non-member charges

NOTE: Charges and availability of other Puja Services not listed above may be discussed with Divyakant parikh @ (856) 745-9676

DIRECTION TO BERLIN TEMPLE

A. From Tacony Bridge:

Take NJ route 73S; drive about 12-13 miles and follow sign for East Taunton Ave. Temple on your right

B. From Ben Franklin Bridge:

Take route 30E to NJ route 70E to NJ route 73S, drive about 7 miles and follow sign for East Taunton Ave. Temple on your right

C. From Walt Whitman Bridge or Delaware Memorial Bridge:

Take I-295N to Exit 29-A for route 30E to Berlin Twp. Turn left on East Taunton Ave.

D. From Central and North Jersey:

Take NJ turnpike south, Exit 4 for route 73S. Drive about 10-11 miles and follow sign for East Taunton Ave. on your right.



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Darshan Schedule

Morning

9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Evening

3 pm - 9 pm

Aarti

12 pm & 8 pm

Times may change during
special occasions

**Please use the front door
and ring the bell if locked**

**PLEASE REVIEW YOUR ADDRESS LABEL AND RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP BASED ON EXPIRATION DATE OR SUPPORT ITA WITH YOUR
ENROLLMENT IF YOU ARE NOT IDENTIFIED AS A MEMBER**

**Please check appropriate items from the following, and mail it to
Hindu Temple, 25 East Taunton Ave., Berlin, NJ 08009 Attn: Mr. M. Kanzaria**

I/We would like to join India Temple Association and I/We are remitting the membership dues
(please select one) Individual or Family one year (\$51) _____
Individual or Family five year (\$151) _____
Life (\$1,001) _____

I/ We are seniors, age 65 and above and would like to join India Temple Association. I am/We are
remitting the membership dues
(please select one) Individual or Family Five year (\$25) _____
Life (\$101) _____

I am adding additional donations:
_____ Scholarship Fund _____ Lifetime Seva (\$301) _____ Temple Renovations
_____ Seva Samiti Fund _____ Bal Vihar Fund _____ Youth Fund

I am relocating to the following address

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____