



Satsang Sandesh

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Religious Calendar

Nov 1, Friday
Labh Panchami
Nov 8, Friday
Dev-Prabodha Ekadashi
Nov 12, Tuesday
Dev Diwali / Purnima
Shri GuruNanak Jayanti
Nov 22, Friday
Utpatti Ekadashi

Satyanarayan Puja

Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 6pm

Sunderkand Path

Saturday, Nov. 16 at 10am

ITA NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!!!

Email communityservice@indiatemple.org if you are interested in volunteering at events.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tulsi Vivah: Friday, Nov. 8th at 6pm

ITA GB Meeting & Trustee Election: Saturday, Nov. 23rd from 1:30-3pm

ITA Financial Overview Presentation: Saturday, Nov. 23rd at 12:30pm

Fall Food Drive drop off at Temple until Nov. 30th

Coat Drive drop off at Temple until Nov. 26th

ANNOUNCEMENTS

!!!!HAPPY NEW YEAR -VIKRAM SAMVAT 2076!!!!

VIKRAM SAMVAT 2076 / YEAR 2020 CALENDAR AVAILABLE ONLINE

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

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 or 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

Temple Hours

Monday - Friday

9:00 am - 12:30 pm

4:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Saturday & Sunday

9:00 am to 9:00 pm

Aarti

12 pm & 8 pm

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SAVE THE TEMPLE MONEY! GO DIGITAL!

Email: vpinfo@indiatemple.org to convert to a digital only subscription.



MONTHLY PUJAS AT BERLIN TEMPLE

SUNDARKAND PAATH: Saturday, Nov. 16 @ 10am to Noon
Followed by Mahaprasad sponsored by Gagan Palace

SATYANARAYAN PUJA: Tuesday, Nov. 12 @ 6 PM
Followed by Mahaprasad sponsored by Indian Vila

Anyone can sit in this Puja and receive blessings of Lord Satyanarayan.
Please contact Binduben at (856) 768-6785 if you plan to participate.



PROGRAMS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH, HEALTH, HAPPINESS & GOD REALIZATION @ BERLIN TEMPLE

Vishnu Sahasranamam and Lalitha Sahasranamam will be recited on 1st Friday of each month starting at 10:30 AM.
This will be followed by Aarti at Noon. Please join us to receive blessings

Satya Sai Baba of Medford Bhajans 3rd Friday of each month from 8-9pm
Contact P.K. Prabhakar (856) 596-3147/ Sessa Vemuri (856) 751-0687 for details.

Bhajan Sandya by SJ Bhajan Mandali Group 1st Friday of each month 7:30 to 8.30 pm led by Venu Gopal Verma.

Bhagavat Gita Study each Tuesday morning at 11am organized by Sharad Pimplaskar (856) 466-1430.

ITA Senior Social Group

Meetings every Tuesday at 1pm in the Social Hall. Contact Mr. Bhulabhai Bhakta 856-983-0769 for details.

Yoga and Pranayama Classes at Berlin Mandir

Doing Yoga regularly can help you stay physically and mentally healthy. Join Dr. Veena Gandhi (856) 816 4095 & Hina Desai (856) 435 9148 every Tuesday and Thursday from 9-10:15 am for yoga. PLEASE NOTE: As both instructors will be in India, yoga classes will pause for winter break from November 15th to March 1st.

Visiting Religious Scholar from Vivekananda Kendra (Svyasa) Bangalore at Berlin Temple

Prof. Subramaniam from will speak on Teachings of Ramkrishna on Nov. 21st & 22nd from 6:30-8pm. On November 23rd, he will discussing the Teachings of Vivekananda from 9:30-11:30 am. Event organized by Dr. Veena Gandhi (856) 435-9148.

TULSI VIVAH: FRIDAY NOVEMBER 8TH AT 6PM



Tulsi Vivah is the ceremonial marriage of the Tulsi plant to the Hindu god Vishnu in his Krishna Avatar. The Tulsi wedding signifies the end of the monsoon and the beginning of the Hindu wedding season. This ceremony can be performed any time between Prabodha Ekadashi (11th lunar day of the bright fortnight of Kartik) and the full moon of the month. The day varies from region to region. However, it is usually performed on the eleventh or the twelfth lunar day.

PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS BY HSC OF NJ: NOVEMBER 2019 MEETINGS

November 7, 2019 at 6:30 @ ICC

-Elections for the next President of HSCSJ for 2020-21 term.

-**Dr. Nidhi Agrawal**, registered Dietitian, will talk about Nutrition and Healthy Aging for the Seniors. She will discuss how following a healthy life style can help slow the aging process and perhaps even stave-off age-related chronic diseases. Dr. Nidhi Agrawal did her doctoral degree in Food and Nutrition. She works for a health care company and also provides volunteer services to our community.

November 21, 2019 at 6.30 PM @ ICC —

-**Dr. Surendra Bagaria, MD, PhD**, a well-known Cardiologist from Cherry Hill, will speak also about how symptoms like shortness of breath, dizziness and chest pain when identified and cared for early, can result in no heart failure. Dr. Bagaria is one of the founders of South Jersey Heart Group, has over 41 years of diverse experience and is affiliated with many local hospitals.

-Snacks sponsored by Dr. Kavita Gupta Shah and Rupali Gupta Hall, daughters of Drs. Ramesh & Asha Gupta.

- Ram Arora, President

FREE NOTARY SERVICE

Contact: Ghanshyam Dave.:856-596-7531, Raman Modhera: 856-528-2863 or Dalapat Patel: 609-298-2724

ITA GENERAL BODY MEETING & ANNUAL TRUSTEE ELECTION
Saturday November 23rd at 1:30 at the Berlin Temple

We encourage all members to attend this important event. The agenda for the meeting is below:

- ITA leadership will provide a review of the past year and priorities for the 2020.
- Trustee Candidates for 2020 to 2022 term will discuss their qualifications and planned contribution.
- Election & Constitution and By-Laws Amendment Vote will be conducted.
- General Body Q&A

The Eligible Candidates for the 2019-2021 Trustee Term (Alphabetically by last name)

Ishwar Chauhan
Sagar Dalal

Pankaj Desai
Nehal Jhaveri

Kruti Lodhavia
Mihir Parekh

Kinnari Patel
Samir Patel

Eligible voters will be asked to vote for their top 7 candidates. Members will have the ability to receive and cast ballots between 1:30 to 3:00 or 15 minutes after the conclusion of the General Body meeting whichever is later. Ballots must be cast by 3:15 or 30 minutes after the conclusion of the General Body Meeting, whichever is later. Please bring a photo ID. If you have questions regarding your eligibility to vote please contact: Vidya Shukla- Vidyshukla@gmail.com; Harshad Patel- Harshad41@aol.com; or Govind Modi- Govindmodi@msn.com.

2019 BY-LAWS & CONSITUTION AMENDMENTS

As a reminder the ITA is governed by a Constitution and By-Laws. Each year the By-Laws and Constitution Committee seeks to improve these governing documents. This year's proposed changes are more limited than in the past. The Board of Trustees has approved these changes and a copy of both documents with proposed amendments highlighted can be found on the ITA website. https://www.indiatemple.org/ita_documents.php. The Board of Trustees is asking the Members to review the documents. A vote seeking approval of the Amendments will be held at the General Body Meeting on November 23rd. If you have any questions, please contact By-Laws Committee members directly with questions: Samir Patel (201)-657-8661 or Kiran Desai (856) 217-3400.

ITA FINANCIAL PRESENTATION

Interested in understanding how the ITA financially sustains itself? What are its sources of funding? How funds are allocated to programs? Where its savings are invested and how they are managed? If so, please join us on Nov. 23rd from 12:30 to 1:30pm at the Temple. Treasurer, Samir Patel, will conduct a presentation that answers these questions and more.

FALL ITA COMMUNITY SERVICE INITIATIVES

Coat Drive

ITA is participating in Thanksgiving interfaith Coat Drive organized by Evesham Township Police Department. Please drop off new and old, but clean winter coats in good condition to help those in need at the Berlin Temple by **November 26th**. Please put coats in a plastic bag with a label of Small, Medium or Large. Last year the ITA Seva Samiti was able to donate over 200 coats. Please contact Pujari Sudhirji for more information at pdt.sudierjha@gmail.com.

Fall Food Drive

The fall and winter holidays are a difficult times for those with economic challenges. Join the ITA Seva Samiti by contributing to our Fall Food Drive. Please donate NEW and UNOPENED canned and boxed goods. There is significant need for Peanut Butter, Jelly, Macaroni & Cheese, Breakfast Cereal, Canned Vegetables & Fruits, and Pasta. **NO PERISHABLE ITEMS!** Please drop of your contributions off in the South Jersey Food Bank box in the Temple foyer by **November 30th**. Contact Chetna Giyanani (732) 322-6212 / chetnatemple@gmail.com or Charu Sheth (856) 662 -8754 for details.

MARLTON GITA GROUP AT INDIAN CULTURAL CENTER (820 Rt. 73 Marlton, NJ)

Sri Shankaracharya's Prathana Satpadi is a short prayer of six verses to Lord Vishnu. It is remarkable for its potential to evoke devotion in all those who recite it. It seeks the grace of the Lord so that one may have humility, compassion and love for all, and command over one's mind and impulses. The essence of this prayer is the spirit of total surrender to the Lord, and it emphasizes the role of devotion in purifying the heart of the striver. Swami Tattvavidanandaji unfolds the value of compassion which is particularly relevant in modern times when we have little time for our fellow beings. Swami Tattvavidanandaji is disciple of Late Sri Swami Dayananda Saraswati of Arsha Vidya Gurukulam in Saylorsburg, PA. We will discuss his teachings starting every Tuesdays from Oct. 15th to Dec. 12th @ 8pm; Class are at facilitated by Lata Pimplaskar. You may register on ICC website or via email at latap1215@gmail.com.



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PUJA SERVICE & TEMPLE RENTAL FEES

Shri Shuklaji /Shri Sudhirji perform religious services on request. Please contact Anoo Joshi at (855) MY-MANDIR Ext 715 to schedule a Puja Service or Rental Temple facilities.

<u>Puja Services</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>		<u>NON MEMBER</u>	
	Inside Temple	Outside* Temple	Inside Temple	Outside* Temple
Archana	\$11		\$11	
Vahan Pooja	\$25		\$25	
Namkaran/Annaprashan	\$51	\$101	\$100	\$151
Birthday	\$51	\$101	\$100	\$151
Shradha	\$51	\$101	\$100	\$151
Anniversary Celebration	\$101	\$151	\$151	\$200
Kesh Mundan	\$101	\$151	\$151	\$200
Satyanarayan Pooja	\$121	\$151	\$200	\$251
Engagement Ceremony	\$101	\$201	\$151	\$251
Havan/Graha Shanti	\$201	\$251	\$251	\$300
Vastu Pooja-Outside Only		\$251		\$300
Wedding per day	\$401	\$501	\$501	\$551
Upanayan/Yagnopavit	\$251	\$301	\$300	\$351
Uttarkriya Per day -Outside Only		\$151		\$200
Yagna/laghu rudra-Outside Only		\$351		\$400
Navchandi Yagna-Outside Only		\$651		\$700
Antim Kriya	No Charge			

*\$.58/ mile charge applied when puja requires greater than 20 miles of travel.

In addition to their base salary, Pujaris receive 50% of Outside Puja Services payment as compensation.

Facility Rental Fees

Prayer Hall Rental	\$200	\$250
Social Hall Rental	\$300	\$350