

# Satsang Sandesh

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# Religious Calendar

**Jan 4, Wednesday** Putrada Ekadashi

Jan 9, Monday Purnima

Jan 14, Saturday
Makar Sankrant / Pongal
Celebration in the Mandir

**Jan 19, Thursday** Shat Tile Ekadashi

**Jan 28, Saturday** Vasant Panchami / Shree Saraswati Pooja

Monthly Activities
Jan 6, Friday
Vishnu Sahasranama Parayanam

# **Monthly Bhajans**

Jan 20, Friday, 8-9 p.m. Satya Sai Baba of Medford P.K. Prabhakar (856) 596-3147 Sesha Vemuri (856) 751-0867

Other Bhajan Groups will be rescheduled from Spring

# January 1, 2012 Celebration at Berlin Mandir SATYANARAYAN PUJA/KATHA, 2:00 TO 5:00 P.M.

ITA has planned this as an annual event to be celebrated every year, beginning in the year 2012. It is the most auspicious way of beginning a new year that can fill our hearts and minds with positive energy. Participation is open to all including families with children. Donations of \$51.00 or more will be appreciated. Prasad will be served at the conclusion of PUJA/KATHA. Those who are interested to participate are requested to contact Binduben at 856-768-6785 or Ghanshyambhai Dave at 856-506-7531.

Satyanarayana Pooja is the best way to seek blessings of Lord Vishnu. It is performed before and/or after the fulfillment of one's desires. It is also performed every year, to maintain the general happiness, prosperity and well being of the family. Satya Narayana is the form of Lord Vishnu. The Lord in this form is considered an embodiment of truth (Satya). Satyanarayana is worshipped at home with family and friends by reciting the miraculous story of Lord Satyanarayana.

Special thanks to Chandan Modi and his students for a superlative performance prior to our general body meeting on December 11. The entire show was mesmerizing and transported the audience to a higher plane.

SAVE THIS DATE FOR Maha Shivratri Celebration Monday February 20, 2012

Construction Committee for the construction of our ICC requests interested community members to contact Ashvin Patel at 609-313-5673 for information on BIDS or monthly construction meeting.

# **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.

| • | Dilip Guharoy        | Jan 02 | Anil Desai    | Jan 20 |
|---|----------------------|--------|---------------|--------|
| • | Mulchand Giyanani    | Jan 05 | Vinod Patel   | Jan 20 |
| • | Milan & Monica Gupta | Jan 14 | Shailen Patel | Jan 24 |
| • | Kusum Kumar          | Jan 14 | Narendra Amin | Jan 28 |
| • | Divyakant Parikh     | Jan 14 | Ravin Patel   | Jan 31 |
| • | Ashvin-Deviyani Shah | Jan 18 |               |        |

# **Condolences**

Smt. Maniben Patel, mother of Sudhir Patel, passed away on November 30, 2011 at age 75. Maniben Patel is the Bhabhi of Shri Dahyabhai Patel and Shri Dahyabhai was instrumental in bringing them over to USA. ITA and its Board extend their sincere condolences to their family.

# Senior Citizen's Program Thursday January 12, 6:30 pm to 9:15 pm

The Senior Citizens' Group has elected a new Executive Council for a two-year term - 2012 and 2013. Its members, in alphabetical order, are: Ranjit Banerjee, Laxmi Chowdhury, Chandravadan Desai, Usha Gupta, Govind Modi, Hiro Pahlajani, Sushila D. Patel, Kshama Raghuveer, Narsinh Sangani, and Suraj Bhan Singh. During 2011, we organized nine cultural programs, ten health-related talks,and our members, individually, presented several topics for information and entertainment. We also added over four dozen life members. We thank all those who joined and supported the organization, volunteered during our gatherings, and generously sponsored dinners for the seniors. There will be a general meeting on January 12 when the new Executive Council will be introduced, and suggestions from the members for 2012 activities will be solicited. We need to work for the general welfare and well being of seniors. Let us all serve as volunteers to do our part to the best of our abilities. All Hindu seniors - age 50 and up - are invited to join, support, and celebrate with us.

For more information about the program, activities, and to join the group, please contact: Suraj Bhan Singh, by phone: (856) 582-5035 or email (<a href="mailto:sbsingh1@hotmail.com">sbsingh1@hotmail.com</a>) or Narsinh N. Sangani by phone: (856) 435-2128 or email (<a href="mailto:nnsangani@juno.com">nnsangani@juno.com</a>).

# ITA Bal-Vihar Program

Dear Children and Parents, Happy New Year!



On behalf of the entire team of Bal Vihar volunteers and teachers I am happy to see that Bal Vihar truly has grown and becoming strong. I am grateful to the entire team of Bal Vihar teachers and volunteers and many who preceded us have contributed to what Bal Vihar is today. For last two years we had to close the registration. Besides some disappointed parents, I, for sure am not happy regarding the closing of registration. This summer we will have to restructure and find new volunteers to accommodate all the children from our community. Please, if you can spare some time and be committed to a few Sundays of a year we may accomplish this goal. Join us it's a rewarding experience!

I notice that the children who grew up in this challenging diverse society naturally have adopted to American way of life. They may have given up Indian language, music, literature, bollywood dance and drama, and many times even Indian food but one thing I have noticed that most of the children have kept their Hindu identity, ways of worshiping or knowing the God! Now, I am happy to know that many are bringing their children to Bal Vihar. Jai Ho!

I would like to thank the Lunch Food sponsors for giving a great feast to children on Dec. 11th 2011. Lunch sponsors were Jalpa & Dinesh Depani, Ami & Pradip Patel, Kinnari & Lalit Patel, Rama & Sudhir Patel, Prakruti & Rajan Patel

Thank You. Lata Pimplaskar

# **ITA YOUTH**

The December 11th session of the Youth program was our first in one month, as there was no youth session on November 27th because of Thanksgiving. As always, the session started with prayers led by Sharad Uncle, and then entered into the yoga class taught by Harish Uncle. Then, the youth went into the social hall for a nice chanting session, and this was the first time that we were accompanied by music. Sharad Uncle played his harmonium while everyone else chanted along to it; it was a very enjoyable experience. Afterwards, Sharad Uncle taught us a lesson on Ishvara and on the Bhagvad-Gita, from which we are beginning to recite verses from. Thank you to Harish Uncle and Sharad Uncle for teaching us. This week, our activity was to have a group discussion on what activities we would like to participate in for the rest of the regular sessions, as well as come up with ideas for our joint-annual day program with Bal-Vihar. Sona and Roshan were asked to lead the discussion, and our group came up with many wonderful ideas and games that we plan to implement later in the year, such as having a nice Holi celebration. In all, it was a very productive dialogue involving everyone in class. Finally, after Aarti, we had a delicious lunch comprising of pizza, soda, and ice cream. Thanks to our lunch sponsors Jalpa and Rajesh Lotia for providing us with such a nice lunch.

By Sona Dadhania

# **ITA Seva Samiti**

Namaste and Happy New Year! It has been a great pleasure serving and representing ITA \_ Seva Samiti to our Indian and extended American community. In the last two years we have learnt a lot in way choosing whom and how to help. And we are still learning. Below is what we did last year and what we are planning for next year. If you find any idea of project worth your time, please, join ITA Seva Samiti.

#### Year of 2011

Natural Disasters: Japan Tsunami: There were two fundraisers in the form of prayers Shanti Japamantra and Abhishekam which were held on two Mondays. Tornado victims in Southern US States: We held an India Day Festival which raised funds for Japan Tsunami and tornado victims in Southern US States. A total of \$11,000 was raised for both relief efforts. Family & Health Matters: We honored the memories in Bhajans for each grieving family, On going help in providing support to Virtua Berlin Nursing Home, Reached out to a couple of families in crisis, Participated in Holiday Bazaar with Virtua Berlin Nursing Home for Alzheimer Research. Community Support: We provided support to Bhutanese Refugees in adopting to American Life. This was done in conjunction with Interfaith program of Catholic Charities. Homework help by our Youth in Somerdale Elementary School. Tenth Anniversary commemoration of 9/11 Honoring Firefighters: A program assembly of parents and children of the Bal Vihar, and ITA Youth where the Youth led the American National Anthem, one of the firefighters giving a demonstration was our own graduate of Bal Vihar Rushi Pandya. ITA Seva Samiti presented a donation check to the Berlin Firefighting Company, Participated in the Hindu American Seva Charities (HASC) sponsored 2 day event "Energizing Dharmic\* Seva (Service): Impacting Change in America and Abroad," in Washington DC. Our own program director, Lata Pimplaskar, had the winning essay and was honored at the White House. This organization HASC was formed in 2009 with the guidance of the White House Office of Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships. Support to Soldiers: Many Bal Vihar families donated goods through the Yellow Ribbon Club in Marlton, NJ. Baked and delivered 600 cookies for soldiers through Yellow Ribbon Club in Marlton, NJ.

# **Projects for 2012**

Natural Disasters: Workshop with Red Cross, Family & Health Matters, Nursing Home, Talks on Mental Health - Detecting Depression, Creating printed Leaflet for Funeral Service, Talks on Teen age parental guidance, Marriage/Family counseling, Single's friendship group, Community Support, Families in Military Service, Computer workshop for seniors, India Day, Food Drive, 4th of July parade, Homework help at the Camden County Library, Helping in literacy project, Fire fighters and police appreciation 9/11/2012, Creating Help Group and Funds for our lower income family students, Temple Service: Membership Drive, New to South Jersey Family welcome package and tea, Seva outreach in our community, interfaith meeting.

Please, give us your ideas to make ITA Seva Samiti work better for you and our community.

Kind Regards, Lata Pimplaskar

# **ITA Scholarship Guidelines**

India Temple Association (ITA) will award five scholarships to high school seniors whose parent(s)/guardian(s) are current ITA members of good standing. Applications will not be considered for students whose parents are not ITA members. At its discretion, the committee may change the number of available scholarships and the value of each scholarship based on the number of qualified applicants. All ITA Board/Scholarship Committee decisions will be final and not subject to any questions or litigation.

All submissions must be postmarked by March 31, 2012. Please mail the following information and supporting documents to:

Scholarship Committee 25 East Taunton Ave. Berlin, NJ 08009

- Completed application form.
- Grade Point Average (GPA) 15% weight points.
- In-school extracurricular activity summary i.e. music, dance, leadership, student council, sports, cultural groups, etc. 15% weight points.
- Participation in activities related to Indian culture, i.e. participation in ITA-sponsored activities such as the youth program, painting etc. A consistent attendance record will be given preferential treatment among equally qualified candidates) 15% weight points.
- Community services i.e. volunteering at nursing homes, hospitals, walkathon, etc. 15% weight points.
- Please choose one topic and submit three duplicate copies (typed and double spaced), not exceeding two pages 40% weight points...

### The topics are:

Do we really need a God?

The cross currents - Eastern and Western Culture

The relevance of Indian Diaspora

Hinduism - a fad or a religion of the past?

#### Rubric

Essays must be written by students in their own words using correct grammar and syntax. They should be thoughtful, articulate, well developed and persuasive. Students should provide relevant details in support of their viewpoint. Plagiarism will result in immediate disqualification. If you have any questions, please contact Radha Bodapati at (856) 983-6212.

# 2011 – Year In-Review President, ITA

I am Rina Patel and it has been my pleasure to serve our temple as president. It is my honor and special privilege to update you on our accomplishments during 2011, and – I'm pleased to report that our accomplishments and achievements have been many and varied.

First, I think we all owe a great vote of thanks and well done to the past administration. Last year, Divyakantbhai, the Past President of the Association, delineated the Association's Accomplishments in 2010. The 2011 Board was able to make a great deal of progress because we stood on the shoulders of the boards that came before us.

Our board has dedicated itself to provide meaningful programs that cater to all segments of our members -- young and old. In February ITA had its first Satyanarayan puja. We were overwhelmed with the huge response and recognizing the need we plan to hold Satyanarayan puja on January first of each year, starting this coming January, 2012.

In March, the eyes of the whole world were on Japan in the wake of the earthquake and tsunami that had devastated much of the island nation. Virtually every spiritual group from small-town local churches to major religious organizations answered the call. ITA was one of the many religious groups that responded to the call. With the help of ITA Seva Samiti's Natural Disasters Committee, ITA raised and disbursed over \$11,000.00 to the relief effort. Seva Samiti, along with the ITA Board, appreciates the effort of all volunteers and donors for providing donations for this worthy cause.

In April, Bal Vihar celebration of its Annual Day was a resounding success. Our temple has made steady progress with growth in all areas but Bal-Vihar is our shining star. Over the past five years, the program has grown from 40 to over 200 children, and with a waiting list this year. It is exciting to see such growth because it is vitally important to perpetuate our cultural heritage throughout the coming generations. As a result, we are focusing on creating more programs for families with children. I am excited that more and more of you are supporting your children by donating to ITA sponsored activities.

In May, I came back to you to ask you to dig deeper into your pockets to help others in need. This time, it was to help our American neighbors who were ravaged by spring Tornadoes that ripped through the heart of Missouri and Illinois. Your response made me incredibly proud to be an Indian-American and especially to be among such generous and caring people in the India Temple Association.

June, being the graduation month, ITA celebrated our graduates with a Youth Program Annual Day. You cannot but beam with pride as you watch these bright and eager faces of our young graduates, and reflect on their progress. The quality of the care and nurturing that Temple families provide our young is joy to behold. ITA also hosted its very first Graduation Yagna! The ITA Scholarship Committee awarded five scholarships to high school seniors. The scholarships were awarded based on grades, activities, and each candidate's knowledge of our Hindu principles and values. ITA has every reason to be proud of our youth. We are especially proud that our kids are fitting in with the children of their host nation, yet retaining many of their Indian and Hindu traditions. There is no better place for each of us to retain the character and structure of our Indian ancestry than to join with our fellow Indian-Americans in ITA. I am particularly proud of the critical role ITA plays in propagating our culture and heritage to our progeny.

In July, ITA hosted the very first Bal Vihar Network Conference- a lot of credit goes to Shri Dahyabhai. The Conference was convened to organize, unite and share information among all Bal Vihars across the country and unite them into a mutually supporting network. The conference was organized, planned and moderated by American born young Hindus, most of whom had known Shri Dahyabhai for many years.

In August, we celebrated Janmastmi. The mood was jubilant! The Temple was beautifully decorated. Our priests, Shri Shuklaji and Smt. Ila and Shri Mahesh Dixit, chanted Purushsuktam. The celebrations went on until midnight --transporting Berlin, New Jersey into Gokula!

In September, we celebrated pran-pratishta of our temple. The priests and participants performed special pujas of deities suitable for the occasion. The celebration included Shobha-Yatra, Havan-Yagna, devotional bhajans and Maha-Prasad. ITA is looking forward to continuing this tradition every year.

In October, we celebrated Diwali and Navratri – with the participation from the youngest members of Bal Vihar to the most senior members of our temple. Both celebrations are attended annually by hundreds of our members, and each year we strive to make it better.

November's highlight was Tulsi vihah. Participants had a great deal of fun singing wedding songs and a few lucky ones had their chance to whisper their personal advice in Tulsima's ears. Those who could not make the Tulsi vihah this year will have to patiently wait until November 24, 2012.

These are some of the highlights of our year. While our temple is truly designed to allow us, who are of Indian descent in this area of south Jersey, to further our own historic Hindu religion and culture in the US, we are also obligated – in our own best interests -- to be good and participating citizens of our adopted nation. Our traditional greeting of "Namaste" recognizes the fundamental Hindu value of divinity among all humanity and respectfully treating others as we would like to be treated.

In that spirit our temple has:

- Participated this year in Evesham Township July 4<sup>th</sup> parade,
- Raised money for our tornado-struck friends in the South,
- Come to the relief of the people in the aftermath of a horrendous Tsunami.
- ITA-Seva Samiti, Bal Vihar and Youth held a 911 Commemoration Program,
- ITA continues to coordinate the food drive which helps the poor and needy during holiday season,
- ITA Seva Samiti and Bal Vihar joined hands with Yellow Ribbon Club to send Care Packages to our soldiers those are on duty away from home.

Speaking for the Board we are very proud of our Temple's participation in and support of American causes and we hope to do more in the future.

These are the highlights of our accomplishments during the year; however, there have been many more behind-the-scene actions your board has taken on the Temple's behalf – a few of which we would like to briefly share. Here are just a few of the more important initiatives:

- ITA Website the Board announced the completion and initiation of the ITA's new Website www.indiatemple.org. The previous board initiated the new site and we have received many compliments on both the look and operation of the site. If you have not already done so, we urge you to take advantage of this resource to stay connected to the temple. Also, keeping up with the times, we are now a wireless Internet access facility.
- During the year, Temple decided to purchase Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs). In response, Govindbhai Modi provided the Board with a superior analysis of AED options. When the board approved the purchase of the new medical equipment, Govindbhai Modi volunteered to pay for the new rescue equipment out of his own pocket, which was a most generous and unselfish act.
- In September our Temple implemented a new and modern phone system that has greatly reduced the number of "voice-mail" responses and unanswered calls. Now your call is immediately returned directly by the appropriate program coordinator.
- In addition, the board disbursed funds to provide a much-needed new roof for our temple and renovated the Priests quarters.
- After years of Binduben's voluntary service, the Board has made her an employee of the temple. So we welcome Binduben amongst us in her own rights.

Last but not least, I would like to inform you that our Board has initiated an ad-hoc committee to study alternatives for the facility that would best serve the needs of our growing community with proper consideration of ICC's needs and resources. I had the honor of appointing Kiran Desai as the chair of the committee because he is uniquely suited to guide this important study of our future accommodations.

In other exciting news, the wait is finally over. With the laying of the cornerstone, the new Indian Cultural Center begins to rise from the Southern New Jersey landscape to become what is – quite literally a "landmark event." And – as a consequence – the Indian community of Southern New Jersey is excited at the prospect of having a community center of our own.

The fund-raising for the ICC is progressing slowly but surely. As of this report, the goal for the Center is \$4 million dollars. Thus far, we have raised \$2.5 million. We are, indeed, thankful and grateful for the past contributions of our members, but — without question we need to raise—the last \$1.5 million dollars even if we have to tighten our collective belts. Of course, the Board and members of ITA have been there every step of the way and I exhort you to continue your support of this project to make this dream a reality!

In closing there are so many people to thank, I don't know where to begin. Let me just say, I am extremely grateful for the kindness and quality of the current Board of Trustees who have served our Temple with dedication and commitment. I thank the past president and the past board for their extensive contribution in 2010 that made our life much simpler. Additionally, I would also like to thank the full membership for their strong support over the past year.

Finally, I thank all the volunteers. Our volunteers have gone beyond their call of duty. Without their service and support this temple could not function. The work of the ITA can only continue with the passionate and vigorous support of our volunteers.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve you. Thank you.

Rina Patel ITA President.

# ITA WEB SITE WWW.INDIATEMPLE.ORG

We are pleased to welcome you to the newest version of our temple's web site. The site now contains many new features. One of the key components of the site is the ability to subscribe. Subscribed users will receive **e-alerts** that notify you of new messages containing emergency notifications, periodic information and when new content is available in specific areas of the site. Also, take advantage of the following:

- Take a look at upcoming events
  - Book temple and/or services
- Enroll your children in Bal-Vihar and/or Youth Program
- Be familiar with other programs of ITA and contact appropriate teachers/chair person for enrollment
  - See yourself or your family/friends in photo gallery of various events
  - Download various forms for membership, facility rental, scholarship application, puja services
    - Use PayPal feature for any and all needed payments, including donations
      - Find out important days from calendar of current Hindu year
        - Know your trustees and executive committee leaders
          - Read temple's history

If due to inclement weather or emergency any of the regular programs are cancelled, notice will be announced and published on our website immediately.

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| Extension            | Description                         | Contact name       |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 0 General Inquiries  |                                     | Priest, Shuklaji   |
| 1                    | Facility Rental and Pujari Services | Anoo Joshi         |
| 2 Emergency Services |                                     | Chetna Giyanani    |
| 3                    | Bal Vihar Program                   | Bhavesh Patel      |
| 4                    | Youth Program                       | Sharad Pimplaskar  |
| 5                    | Seva Samiti                         | Lata Pimplaskar    |
| 6                    | Gita Study                          | Sharad Pimplaskar  |
| 700                  | Yoga Abhyas                         | Virendra Gupta     |
| 701                  | Senior Citizens                     | Suraj Singh        |
| 703                  | Art Class                           | Narendrabhai Amin  |
| 710                  | President                           | Rina Patel         |
| 711                  | Vice President                      | Sangeeta Rashatwar |
| 712                  | General Secretary                   | Ramesh Viswanathan |

This system will greatly relieve much of the current frustration from "voice-mail" responses and unanswered calls.

# **Programs for Your Spiritual Growth**

# YOGA ABHYAS FOR HEALTH, HAPPINESS & GOD

**REALIZATION:** A program for adults on

yogasana, pranayam & meditation.

First Sunday: 9:30 -11:30 a.m. at our temple in Berlin

Contact: Virendra Gupta @ (856) 424-9313

#### **GITA STUDY GROUP:**

Every Tuesday & Wednesday, 8-9 p.m. at our Berlin temple

Contact: Sharad Pimplaskar @ (856) 985-4785

# **BHAJANS & STUTI:**

Every Friday, 7:30-9 p.m.

Contact: Shree Shuklaji (856) 768-6785

# **Regular Programs for Children and Youth**

**BAL VIHAR**: For children (ages 5-13), to promote a positive Hindu identity within the diverse U.S. culture.

2nd & 4th Sunday @ 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Contact: Lata Pimplaskar (856) 985-4785, Bhavesh Patel 1-855-my-mandir ext 1, Rina Patel (856) 313-5235 for registration and location

**YOUTH PROGRAM:** A program for young adults (ages 13-18) and parents. 2nd & 4th Sunday, 9:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. at our Temple in Berlin.

Contact: Sharad Pimplaskar at (856) 985-4785 or Sangeeta

Rashatwar at (856) 424-4211 **CREATIVE ART WORKSHOP** 

1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday @ 9:30 a.m. at our temple in Berlin

Contact: Narendra Amin (856) 429-8761

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

# The following provides list of applicable charges and fees.

Shri Shuklaji will be available for religious services on request. Please check temple availability at <a href="www.indiatemple.org">www.indiatemple.org</a>; Click on "CALENDAR tab" and, from drop-down menu, Click on "EVENT/RENTAL CALENDAR". Please contact Smt. Chetna Giyanani or Smt. Anoo Joshi at 1-855-MY-MANDIR Ext 1 for the booking of the Temple Facilities and/or scheduling of Puja Services by Shuklaji.

| PUJA SERVICE **                           | INSIDE<br>TEMPLE   | OUTSIDE<br>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             | <b>TEMPLE FACILITIES USAGE FEE:</b>   |
| Shraddha                                  | \$51               | \$101             | Prayer Hall: \$200  |
| Anniversary Celebration                   | \$101              | \$151             | Social Hall: \$300  |
| 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             | OTHER CHARGES   |
| Vastu Puja - outside service only         | N/A                | \$251             | \$51.00 for outside 25 mile radius  |
| Wedding Grah Shanti                       | \$201              | \$301             | \$51.00 for non-member surcharge  |
| 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             |   |
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NOTE: Charges and availability of other Puja Services not listed above may be discussed with Smt. Chetna Giyanani @ (856) 433-8909

# 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

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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

## D. From Central and North Jersey:

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# Darshan Schedule

# Morning

7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

#### Evening

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

## Aarti

12 p.m. & 8 p.m.

Times may change during special occasions

Please use the front door and ring the bell if locked

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PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IF IT SHOWS "EXPIRED" OR YEAR MARKED 2011 OR EARLIER IN ADDRESS LABEL

# 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  |
| emitting the membership dues  |
| (please select one) Individual or Family Five year (\$25)   |
| Life (\$101)  |
| I am adding additional donations:   |
|   |
| Scholarship Fund Special Prayer (\$301) Temple Renovations Seva Samiti Fund Bal Vihar Fund Youth Fund |
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| Address:  |
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