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BHARATIYA MANDIR



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Dear Devotees - Jai Sia Ram,

On behalf of the trustees and the Management Committee of the Bharatiya Mandir, we welcome all our members, their families and all members of the community. We thank all those people who have volunteered to contribute their valuable time with the day to day temple activities and by making some generous financial donations which helps to meet temple's running costs. We also extend a warm welcome to all new migrants who have arrived in

New Zealand recently.

All members of the public with an interest in Hindu religion and culture are encouraged to visit temple regularly and benefit from its wide range of religious, cultural and social activities. The temple conducts all these activities to help us fulfill our religious aspirations and to achieve a balanced and happy life.

All our great saints and the Holy Scriptures remind us that human life is meaningless without religious and spiritual dimensions.

Last but not the least, the committee would like to thank Acharya Upendrabhai Joshi and Pandit Govind Prasad Sharma for their good work, dedication and commitment to the Mandir and in providing valuable service to the devotees.

Deh Shudhi Pooja
Saturday 17th June 2017 from 2 pm

Register your name to participate in Patotsav Yagna by contacting Acharya Upendrabhai Joshi or Pandit Govind Prasad Sharma on Ph. 846 2677

24th Patotsav Celebration
Friday 23rd June to Sunday 25th June 2017



This year, the temple's 24th Patotsav (Temple Anniversary) celebration will be held from Friday 23rd of June to Sunday 25th of June. By celebrating Patotsav, our inner sentiments for Paramatma and Guru are rekindled and reinvigorated.

Bhajan Sandhya: Matarani ki Chowki
Date: Friday, 23rd June 2017
Time: 7:30 pm Onwards

Cultural Night:
Date: Saturday, 24th June 2017
Time: 7:30 pm Onwards
Followed By Maha Prasad

Patotsav Yagna:
Date: Sunday, 25th June 2017
Time: 7:30 pm Onwards
Followed By Maha Prasad

The devotees willing to participate in the Patotsav Yagna can give their names to Acharya Upendrabhai Joshi or Pandit Govind Prasad Sharma in the temple.

Shravan Maas Bus Yatra to Auckland's Major Temples:

Date: Sunday 6th Aug 2017
Time: 8:30 am to 5:30 pm



Bus pick up from Mandir 8:30 am sharp. Cost is \$25 per person which includes tea, snacks and lunch.

To register your name for Bus Yatra please contact Acharya Upendrabhai Joshi or Pandit Govind Prasad Sharma at temple on Ph: 846 2677 or Ravin Kotak (Chairman, Religious Committee): Ph: 391 1190.

Guru Poornima, Saamuhik Pooja (Vyas Pooja)
Sunday, 9th July 2017

Time: 7:45 pm onwards
Samuhik Guru Pooja & Bhajan Sankirtan

The full moon day in the Hindu month of Ashad is observed as the auspicious day of Guru Poornima, a day sacred to the memory of the great sage Vyas.

If you wish to participate in the pooja, please contact Acharya Upendrabhai Joshi or Pandit Govind Prasad Sharma on 8462677. There is No charge for the participation in the pooja. You will need to bring your Guru's photo and puja items.

Shiv Sahasranama Pooja
Sunday 23rd August 2017

Time: 10:00 am to 12:30 pm
Samuhik Shiv Pooja

If you wish to participate in the Pooja, please contact Acharya Upendrabhai Joshi or Pandit Govind Prasad Sharma on Ph.8462677. There is NO charge for the participation in the pooja.



Hindola Prarambh: Tuesday 11th July 2017
Jhoola Utsav Prarambh
Hindola Ends: 9th August 2017

"Hindola" literally means "Swing" of Lord Krishna. Hindola is decorated daily in various ways and devotees swing Lord Krishna murti placed in the Hindola. One gets divine bliss by celebrating the Hindola Utsav

Shravan Maas Prarambh:
Date: 23rd July 2017

Friday	28/07/2017	Naag Panchami
Sunday	30/07/2017	Shitala Saptami Puja (9 am to 1 pm)
Tuesday	01/08/2017	Nori Nom Puja (Nakul Navmi) (9 am to 1 pm)
Monday	07/08/2017	Raksha Bandhan

Saamuhik Satyanarayan Mahapooja
Sunday 13th August -- 10 am to 12:30 pm
(Followed by Mahaprasad)

Gayatri Yagna
Sunday 20th August -- 9:30 am to 12:30 pm
(Followed by Mahaprasad)

Shreemad Bhagwat Katha
By Pandit Govind Prasad Sharma
Tuesday 8th August to Tuesday 14th August 2017

Katha Time: 8th to 14th August 7:45 pm onwards
Every day Katha, Satsang and Bhajan will be held for all 7 days in temple. Bhagwat is God's own image in real for human being. Bhagwat is the soul and the summary of all the shastras, Vedas and Puranas

The word '**Bhagwat**' consists of four letters put together meaning;
Bha - Light of knowledge (Gyan Roopi Prakash)
Ga - Path of righteousness
Va - Joy (Suh)
Ta -- Liberation (Taarana Moksha)

The light of knowledge which a human being receives by listening to Shrimad Bhagwat, liberates one from fear, day to day problems, and ignorance and make our life full of joy and happiness.

Sri Krishna Janmashtami
Tuesday, 15th August 2017

Shri Krishna Janmashtami will be celebrated and Mahaprasad will be served from 6 pm onwards.
Janmashtami Puja and Shri Krishna Janma Katha Abhishek Pooja 4.00 pm onwards.
Cultural Program: : 7:45 pm onwards.
Shri Krishna Janmotsav Pooja and Bhajan Kirtan 9:00 pm to 11:00 pm
Shri Krishna Janma Katha 11 pm to 12 am
Shri Krishna Janmotsav Pragatya Aarti followed by Garba and Utsav 12 am
Nand Mahotsav - Tuesday, 16th August 2017



The birthday of Lord Krishna will be celebrated on the eighth (Ashtami) day after the full moon in the Shravana month of the Hindu Calendar. The birth of Lord Krishna was for the purpose of re-establishing the fundamentals of Faith within the Hindu People as preached in the Bhagwat Gita by Krishna himself.

A variety of programmes (Mantras, Bhajan, Dances and drama) will be performed by Bal Vikas Classes students during the festival.

**"Yada yada hi dharmasya
glanirbhavati bhārata
Abhyuthanam dharmasya
tadatmanam srijamyaham**

**Paritrānaya sādhanām
vināshay cha dushkritām
Dharmasāthapanarthay
sambhābami yuge yuge"**

Meaning: Whenever faith is under attack in this world, I will re-appear to protect those who are devoted to me and to re-establish faith and order.

The message of Vedanta preached to Arjuna through the Bhagwat Gita is perhaps the seminal work and crown in the jewel of all Hindu texts. The temple will be open for the whole day.

Important Religious Events

Friday	02/06/17	Masik Durgashtami
Sunday	04/06/17	Ganga Dussehra
Monday	05/06/17	Gayatri Jayanti
Wednesday	07/06/17	Pradosh Vrat
Friday	09/6/17	Jyeshtha Purnima, Vat Purnima Vrat
Saturday	10/06/17	Ashada Begins
Tuesday	13/06/17	Sankashti Chaturthi
Thursday	15/06/17	Mithuna Sankranti
Saturday	17/06/17	Kalashdami
Tuesday	20/06/17	Yogini Ekadashi
Thursday	22/06/17	Pradosh Vrat, Masik Shivratri
Friday	23/06/17	Rohini Vrat
Friday	23/06/17	Bhajan Sandhya, Mata ki Chowki
Saturday	24/06/17	Cultural Program
Sunday	25/06/17	Patotsav Yagna-Jagan Nath Rath Yatra
Tuesday	27/06/17	Vinayaka Chaturthi
Tuesday	04/07/17	Devshayani Ekadashi
Saturday	08/07/17	Jaya Parvati Vrat Prarambh
Sunday	09/07/17	Ashadha Purnima, Guru Purnima

Tuesday	18/07/17	Mangala Gowri Vrat
Thursday	20/07/17	Kamika Ekadashi
Wednesday	26/07/17	Hariyali Teej
Friday	28/07/17	Nag Panchami
Sunday	30/07/17	Sheetala Saptami, Tulsidas Jayanti
Thursday	03/08/17	Shravana Putrada Ekadashi
Monday	14/08/17	Krishna Janmashtami
Tuesday	15/08/17	Independence Day
Thursday	17/08/17	Simha Sankranti
Friday	18/08/17	Aja Ekadashi
Sunday	20/08/17	Masik Shivratri
Thursday	24/08/17	Hartalika Teej
Tuesday	29/08/17	Gauri Avahana, Durva Ashtami
Wednesday	30/08/17	Radha Ashtami

JP Services

Following request from some members of our community, the Management Committee has arranged JP services at the Mandir Library every Sunday. For further information, please contact Anil Sharma on Ph 626 0626

Mandir's Community Hall for Hire

In Nov. 2016, Bharatiya Mandir purchased Church property at 258 Balmoral Road for \$4.8m. This is available for hire for weddings and private functions at reasonable rates. For booking, please contact Anil Sharma on Ph 626-0626.

Library Services

The Library is located in the temple's basement and is running successfully with the help of volunteers.

Every Sunday 9:30 am to 11:00 am

The Library has a wide range of religious and cultural books, magazines, DVDs, video tapes and audio tapes in Hindi, English, and Gujarati. The hiring facility is available to the members with a once only token fee of \$10 for registration. Please make use of the library. If you have any books, audio and video tapes of Hindu religious value and would like to donate them to the Mandir Library, please contact **Anil Sharma on Ph 626 0626**

Yoga Classes (Every Sunday)

Time: 9:00 am to 10:00 am

To balance our mind with a healthy body Yoga is the most important thing for all of us. Yoga class is held in Mandir Basement and is open to all age groups. Please come and join the Yoga class.

Mandir Services

Bharatiya Mandir also provides following services for the devotees and the members of the community.

- Personal Hindu Dharmic Vidhi (Individual sponsored ritual Puja, katha and weddings)
- Use of Mandir and its facilities.
- Sponsorship of Mahaprasad during Mandir festivals (Donations are welcome)
- If interested, please make advance booking with **Acharya Upendrabhai Joshi or Pandit Govind Prasad Sharma on Ph 846 2677**
- Any enquiry regarding Mandir's Puja charges or other services, please contact Ravin Kotak, Chairman Religious Committee: Phone: 3911190.

• **Working as a Volunteer:** Mandir Committee would appreciate your help as volunteer in Computer work, property maintenance, during religious events or in the kitchen preparing food during festivals.

Please contact for further details: **Ravin Kotak (Chairman Religious Committee) on (09) 3911190**

Balvikas (Sunday School)

Time: 9.30 am to 1.30 pm

To promote and retain Indian & Hindu cultural & religious heritage and values amongst our children and youth, Bharatiya Mandir has been running successfully Bal Vikas classes every Sunday for many years. A very dedicated group of teachers are providing their valuable service to our community.

These Bal Vikas classes are held every Sunday from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm and the classes are on Meditation, Religion, Drama & Dance, Hindi, Gujarati, Music, Art & Craft.

All these classes are free of charge for the children and for any further information about Bal Vikas please contact **Jyoti Parashar on Phone 626 2556**

Mandir Hours

Monday
8:00 am -- 1:00 pm & 4:00 pm -- 8:30 pm

Tuesday to Friday
8:00 am -- 1:pm & 4:00 pm -- 8:30 pm

Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays
8:00 am -- 8:30 pm

Summer - 1 Oct 2016 to 31 Mar 2017
Time - Temple will remain open till 9 pm
Daily Aarti - Morning 8:15 am
Evening: 7:00 pm

All devotees are welcome to attend

Regular Mandir Activities

Tuesday
Sunderkand : 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Hanuman Chalisa: 7:30 pm

Saturday
Yoga Class - Time: 9:00 am to 10:00 am
Sunderkand Path: 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
Hanuman Chalisa: 7:30 pm

Sunday
Bal Vikas Classes 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

First Sunday of every month
Satsang by Shri Satya Sai Baba group
Time: 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

2nd Sunday of Every month
Matarani ki Chowki by Bharatiya Mahila Mandali
Time: 7:40 pm to 8:15 pm

3rd Sunday of every month
Bhajans by Guruvandana Group
Time: 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm