

THE HINDU TEMPLE SOCIETY, INC.

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1. PUJA

(a) A puja will be hosted by Virendra Sharma and family on Sunday, December 16, 1984 at the Temple on Lukes Road, Augusta, Georgia.

PROGRAM: 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Puja
10:30 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. Gita Study
10:40 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Bhajans ✓
11:10 a.m. - 11:40 a.m. "Importance of Puja and Sadhana" speech by Shri Aurobindo Jani.
11:40 a.m. - 11:50 a.m. Announcements
11:50 a.m. Aarti

PRASAD

Meena Patel, Chandrika Chande, Dipika Shah, Rekha Amin, Bhanu Amin, Jyoti Patel, Nandini Patel, Sheela Prakash, Suman Grover, and Urmi Desai.

This month's cleaning responsibility: Pravin Amin and all the devotees.

(b) SPECIAL PROGRAM "LEARN TOGETHER" DEC. 15-18 1984.

Dialogue with Shri Aurobindo Jani:

"Learn together", he insists, "with the high spirit of searching and inquiring." The process must not be abandoned. "Think, feel, and experience." Shri Aurobindo Jani is coming to share with us his psychological and spiritual experiences with love.

Shri Jani arrived in the U.S. in 1961 with the Fulbright Smith-Mundt Scholarship award to Duke University, N.C., for research in "Extra Sensory Perception". He acquired a M.A. degree in Philosophy from Gujarat and a M.S. degree in Psychology from Duke University.

At present he is involved in counselling activities and carrying out an independent research project on "The Personal Sadhana as an Inner Experiment, and the developing of a Unified Theory of Psycho-Spiritual Dynamics of Human Personality and Behavior".

Following is the tentative schedule for the dialogue with Shri Jani:

<u>DATE/DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>GROUP</u>	<u>TOPICS</u>
15th Dec. Sat.	5:00 P	Age 8-12 & Adults	Selected by Shri Jani (Workshop)
16th Dec. Sun.	10:30 A	Puja Audience	Importance of Puja and Sadhana
	7:30 P	Age 13 & Up & Adults	Discussion about Psychological formation of Self Concept During Age 13 Thru 20 (Workshop)
17th Dec. Mon.	10:30 A	Adults	Family Relationships
	7:30 P	Adults	Significance of Religion in Human Life.
18th Dec. Tue.	10:30 A	Adults	Child Development in family
	7:30 P	Adults	Meditation and its effect upon a Human Being.

Note

There will be Question-Answer Session at the end of each dialogue. Audience participation is emphasized.

2. RECENT EVENTS

Over the past week the entire nation has been shocked by the poisonous gas leak in Bhopal, India, which so far has taken 1600

1600 lives. We are all extremely sorry about this terrible incident, and we whole-heartily send our hopes and prayers to all of the survivors and their families as well as the entire country of India. Though India has been struck with several catastrophes in the past few months, we are all confident that peace and happiness will once again be restored.

3. Community News

(a) Birthdays: Varun Bhalla's birthday was celebrated on Nov. 9, 1984. Varun is now 3 years young.

(b) Marriage: Anita and Hemant were married on Nov. 18, 1984. The marriage ceremony took place at Butler High School in Augusta.

Anita is the daughter of Vallabhchai Patel who has made gracious contributions to the Temple.

***** Congratulations Anita and Hemant *****

(c) Business: Mr. and Mrs. Grover have announced the opening of "Laxmi Imports" on Dec. 14, 1984. The new shop on 215-D Hightower Road, Martinez, will have sarees, groceries, and Indian movie rentals.

***** We wish them lots of success *****

(d) Yoga: Yoga classes are being conducted on the first Sunday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.

(e) Temple: The temple is open every Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

1st Sunday is the Yoga class. No puja. Only Aarti at 12:00 noon.

3rd Sunday is our regular monthly puja.

2nd & 4th Sunday the temple is open from 10:00 to 12:30 p.m. with Aarti at 12:00 noon.

(f) We need volunteers to teach language classes.

(g) We have a new post office box. The new mailing address is :
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Augusta, Georgia 30907

4. News from the Board

(a) Your representatives met in the temple on December 5, 1984 at 8:00 p.m. A condolence message and prayer was said for the victims of the poisonous gas leak in Bhopal, India.

(b) Various committees met seperately to formulate the programmes for the coming years. Following is the excerpt of these meetings.

- Third Sunday of the month is fixed for the monthly puja.
- Festival of the month will be celebrated on the third Sunday. (Unless someone takes the full responsibility for the celebration of the festival on any other day.)
- There will be a speech by learned speakers from our community and or from out of town. (If you know an outstanding speaker, please contact Satya Tikare).
- Part of the existing roof will be repaired soon.
- Children's Balshala will be devided into two groups: Children up to 11 years and children 12 years and older. Programs for informal type Charector building will be formulated.
- Name plates will be suitably displayed on panels to indicate the amount of donation by the devotees of the Hindu Temple Society.

5. FUTURE PROGRAM

Next month puja will be on January 20, 1985, at 10:00 a.m. Shyam Iyer and family will be the host.

6. CONTRIBUTIONS

(a) Murti Fund : Murties will arrive in Savannah this month. Those who have not pledged or paid their pledges, please do so. Attached is the list of devotees who have paid their pledges.

(b) General Fund : Your tax diductible contributions are due now. Make contributions before December 31, and take diduction for '84. Attached is the list of devotees who have contributed in this fund since The Diwali, October 24, 1984.

CONTRIBUTIONS

(a) Murti Fund:

Dr. Tek Chand	J.K. Patel	Dr. Jaydev Varma
Santosh Amin	Bhulabhai Patel	M.K. Gopal
Dr. Vinod Bhalla	Surendra Shah	Dr. S. Tikare
T.R. Reddy	Rajanikant Patel	

(b) General Fund: Since Diwali, October 24, 1984.
OVER \$ 501:

Shyam & Kamal Iyer
Jaydev & Lila Varma

Bihari & Bhavna Intwala
Bhulabhai Patel & Pravin Amin

\$ 101-500 :

Children
Popat & Kusum Vira
Mahesh & Geeta Patel
S.K. & Sneha Tikare
Maidut & Pallavi Dholakia
Rajni & Taru Patel
Bipin & Hansa Gajjar
Ramesh & Urmila Patel
Saraswathi Ramaswamy
Jashbhai & Purnima Patel
Harbans Batra
O.P. Auplish

J.K. & Geeta Patel
Suresh & Neela Patel
Ravinder & Ramesh Jaitly
Ram & Rani Daram
Babu & Meena Patel
Suman & Lila Grover
Manmohan & Veena Jerath
Ram & Niranjni Reddy
Kaushik & Kalindi Patel
Subhash & Shanti Bhatia
R.G. Reddy
Rajanikant & Vasu Patel

UP TO \$ 100:

Chandu & Lalita Dodia
Pitta & Bharathi Reddy
Nitin & Alpa Shah
Harris & Geeta Bisht
V.P. & R.K. Sharma
Tarikere Narendra
Pravin & Jyotsna Parikh
Vijay & Sheila Arankle
Shashikant & Ranjan Amin
Purna & Nirupama Mohanty
Anil & Pranat Mandal
Vasant & Kailash Contractor
Kalwant & Kaushlia Jindal
Vinod R. Patel
Rohit M. Shah
Ashok & Ila Brambhatt
Kamala Sarvepalli
Suresh Bhalala
J.B. Patel
Gobind L. Madan
Girdhar Sharma
Dilip & Kunjani Patel

Pankaj & Urmi Desai
Geeta P. Desai
Vinod & Mina Chudger
Navin & Pushpa Shah
Dinu & Manjula Patel
Kavinder & Sushma Walia
Pankaj & Charu Bhatt
Dinesh & Purnima Sharma
Tek & Santosh Chand
H. & Raji Murthy
Sham & Anuradha Achreker
Permod & Shashi Agarwal
R.C. & Sarla Rami
Girish R. Shah
Vinod M. Patel
S. Nayak
Vijay & Bindu Mehta
Bhanu & Nandi Patel
Seelam Reddy
Chandra Prakash
A.K. Gulati


