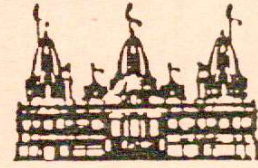


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### MONTHLY PUJA: Sunday, Feb., 19, 10.00 a.m.

The monthly puja will be on Sunday Feb, 19, at 10.00 a.m.

H.H. Mahamandaleswari Swami Parvati from Sri Rajarajeswari Peetham, Stoupsburg, PA, has kindly agreed to visit our temple and conduct the puja. The program includes puja, bhajans discussion with children and religious discourse. We urge all members to avail this opportunity and benefit greatly from an inspiring program.

**Prasad Group:** Vasu Patel, Bhanu H. Amin, Kokila Patel, Meena Patel, Vimala Patel, Sushela Patel, Harshida Chokshi, Niana Intwala, Lalita Dodhia, Surekha Shah and Bhanu P. Amin.

Cleaning Responsibility: All attending families.

### RELIGIOUS DISCOURSE: Sunday Feb, 19, 7.30-9.00 p.m.

H.H.Mahamandaleswari Swami Parvati has kindly agreed to give a religious discourse on Sunday Feb 19, 7.30 p.m. Besides the discourse the program includes bhajans, so please attend this program.

वासंस् जीर्णानि यथा विहाय नवानि गृह्णाति नरोऽपराणि ।  
तथा शरीराणि विहाय जीर्णान्यन्यानि संयाति नवानि देही ॥

Just as a person gives up worn out clothes and puts on other new ones, even so does the embodied self give up decrepit bodies and enter other new ones. (GEETA 2:22)



## TEMPLE OPENING SCHEDULE:

### SATURDAYS (7.00 - 8.00 p.m.)

Ravi Jerath	738 - 8511	Feb 11
Ramanajum Mohan	733 - 7032	Feb 18
Dharambeer Sinha	863 - 8878	Feb 25
Mahendra Garg	868 - 6351	Mar 4

## TEMPLE WILL ALSO BE OPEN ON:

All **SUNDAYS** (except on Feb 19): 6-8 p.m.  
Call S.Swamy Mruthinti (737-8484)

All **MONDAYS**: 6.30 - 7.30 p.m.  
Call Jugal Purohit (863-3910)

Temple Library will also be open on the above days.  
Please make use of this facility.

## BALSHALA:

Hindu Temple Balshala has started another session to inculcate our religious and cultural wealth into our young childrens' heart. Please encourage your children to attend. For further information call Veena Jerath (860-9734).

## GEETA STUDY:

Sundays 6-8 p.m. (except on Feb 19)  
Everyone is invited to participate in the stimulating discussions on Srimad Bhagavad Geeta (chapter 9).

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

### Mahashivaratri celebrations:

Saturday March 4, 9.00 p.m. - mid night  
The Mahashivaratri will be celebrated on March 4. The program includes Shiva Archana, Rudra Abhishekam and bhajans. Everyone is urged to participate.

## PREVIOUS PROGRAMS:

Republic Day Celebrations: The highlights of this year's Indian republic day celebrations were National songs by children and distribution of Powerline essay awards. The program was a great success. Our deep appreciations are due for all children who sent their essays for the competition and all of them did a wonderful job. Thanks to parents too for their encouragement.

Classical Dances of India: Mrs. Uma Bharathi and her two students Miss. Nisha Bhalla and Miss. Sandhya Reddy performed an excellent dance program that received a standing ovation on the evening of Jan 29, 1989. We express our sincere appreciation to Mrs. Uma Bharathi for this benefit show.

Anand Bazaar: A number of stalls sold delicious Snacks before the dan program on Jan 29. The crowded stalls were filled with an aroma of spices and sweets. Thanks to the stall owners and customers.

## GENERAL:

Election to Trustees: Due to the resignation of one our Trustee members a vacancy has arisen. Nominations are invited from the members of our community to fill this vacancy. The last date to receive the nominations on the prescribed form will be March 13. For further information please call Shyam Iyer (736-9493).

### Executive Committee News:

The meeting of the Temple executive committee will be on:

**Tuesday Feb, 28, at 8.00 p.m.**

Chairpersons of all Committees are requested to attend the meeting. Interested members of the community are also invited.

## "YOUTH & RELIGIOUS CORNER"

(The following essay won the first prize in the recent annual Powerline essay competition - 7-13 years age group)

### **HINDUISM**

Hinduism is the oldest religion in the world and is the faith of over eighty percent of the people of India, Nepal, Java and millions living in other parts of world.

The word *Hindu* is of geographic origin and was derived from the name originally given to the people settled on the river '*Sindhu*: says *Shakunthala Gangannathan* in her book "*Hinduism an Introduction*." It was later on corrupted by people to the word '*Hindu*' and the faith of the Hindus was given the name "*Hinduism*" in English language.

Although *Hinduism* is a religion it is more; it includes theology, social institutions, a legal tradition, a vast body of literature and art, science and a great varied mass of philosophy.

*Hinduism* consists of religious works such as *Vedas* and *Upanishads*. The oldest *Vedic* work, the *Rig Veda* was



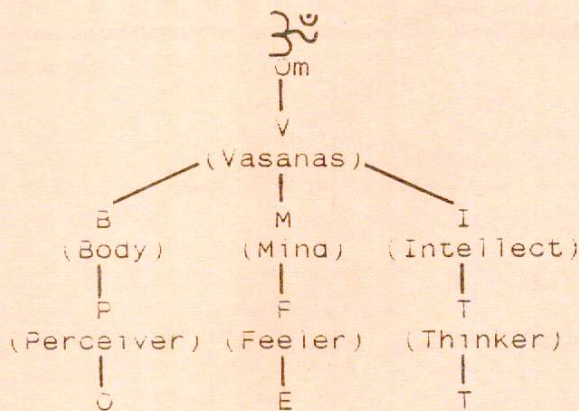
compiled around 1000 B.C. The *Upanishads* seem to date back to 7 or early 6th century B.C.

*Hinduism* also has three great epics such as *Mahabharata*, *Ramayana* and *Bhagavatam*.

The three main forms of deities worshiped symbolize the three main energies or sciences of this universe. They are:

- 1) *Brahma*: God of Creation (or the science of creation).
- 2) *Vishnu*: God of preservation (or the science of preservation).
- 3) *Shiva*: God of Destruction (or the science of destruction).

People who worship *Shiva* were called "*Shaivas*" and those that of *Vishnu* were "*Vaishnavas*." Although *Hinduism* embraces many Gods, its highest goal strives to achieve and experience the ultimate reality - the *OM*. Achieving the ultimate one or *OM* is the main preparation of all *Hindu* literature, philosophy and worship. The religion also encourages people to live in harmony within themselves. On one of my visits to *Swami Chinmayananda's* spiritual lecture I was able to understand my religion much better and the philosophy a little clearer. *Swami Chinmayananda* best describes this with a simple chart.



This explains the various stages we have to go through to achieve the ultimate one or *OM*.

By *Viyas Sundaram* (11 years) For further information call *Dr. Kamath Sr.* (733-8996).

## THIS & THAT

by *f.Ramachandra Reddy*

Tax return prepared by professionals specially *CPA* firms are less likely to be audited. It may be interesting to note that returns filed *late* have lower chance of being checked than the ones filed by April 15.

Inspite of Congress tightening the rules, one can still get lucrative home-office tax brake.

It is not too early (even you are 25 years old and hope to live 90 years) to plan for retirement. Money magazine, Nov 88, had a good article (call me if you can't get a copy).

Gold and silver have been the best investments for centuries, if the timing is good. Wait for some more time if you are planning to buy.

At least 80% of the parents of preschool children use spanking as a system of governing their children's behavior. According to the social scientists who have studies spanking, sparing the rod (by G spoon) may save the child.

From assuming that the people who love them can also hurt them. Soon love and violence become fused in the individual's mind (remember: *Khatal kareto nigahon se karo, talwar ke jarorat nahih*).

Two years after a man stops smoking, his risk of a nonfatal heart attack is about the same as for a man who never smoked. Even 20-year smokers can reduce their lung cancer risk to normal by *quitting*.

### Do You Know.....

A. Your Indian passport requires **RENEWAL** at the end of 5 years from the date of issue.

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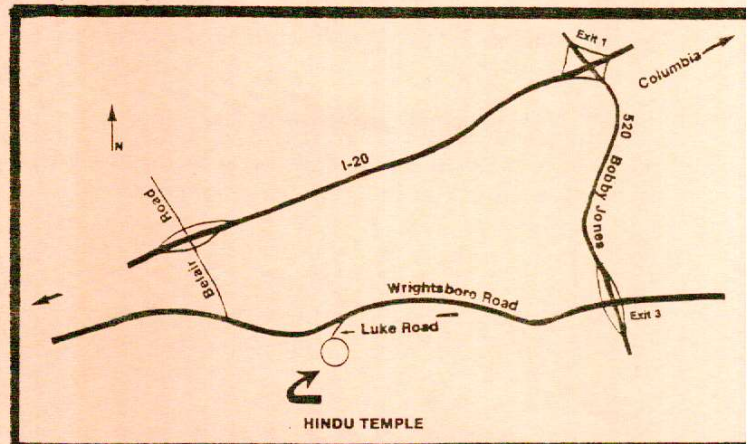
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