

Hindu Samaj Temple & Indian Cultural Center  
Jain Temple  
3 Brown Road, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590



### Rental Information

The Temple Hall (Upstairs and/or Downstairs) is available for rent for private functions such as birthdays, baby showers, weddings, engagements, etc. A new rate schedule will go into effect September 1st 2008. For new rates, availability and booking information, please call Mr. Kiran Sheth at 845-462-1186 (home) or 845-392-6726 (cell).

### Temple Membership

As of April 2008 we have approximately 263 life members and approximately 63 annual members. This membership list was printed in the Spring of 2008 Aarati Newsletter, and is also posted on the bulletin board in the temple. If there are any omissions/updates, please let us know so that we can make the corrections. This is your organization. If you are not yet a member, please become a proud member and support your organization. Life membership is \$1000 and annual membership is \$100. If you are an annual member kindly consider being a life member. Your support will be helpful for future generations, and is very much appreciated. Please contact Somaiah Soma at 845-297-7662 or Uma Satyendra at 845-297-8132 for more information.

### Hindu Samaj Youth Groups

The Youth Groups at Hindu Samaj serve as a vehicle for children ages 3 to 18 to collaborate and learn about the Indian culture and values while getting to know and serve their community.

**Back to School Saraswati Puja for all students' learning and success: Sunday Aug. 24th, 11:00 AM**  
**2008—2009 Registration Details**

**Round 1** : Sunday August 24th, 12 Noon to 1 PM

**Round 2** : Monday September 8th, 5 to 7 PM

**Round 3 (Final)** : Monday September 15th, 5 to 7 PM

Call Anchala Sobrin at 226-2542 for more information.

### Board of Trustees

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**Temple Priests:** Sri Shashidhara Somayaji, Sri Manoj Kumar Panigrahi

**Temple:** 845-297-9061, **Home:** 845-231-2248

Archana \$11, Abhishek \$31; Monthly \$101; Yearly \$501 per Deity

Sponsors / Volunteers are needed in all activities. Call Uma Satyendra 297-8132.

For directions and information, visit our website: [www.hindusamajtemple.org](http://www.hindusamajtemple.org) or email us at [hindusamajtemple@gmail.com](mailto:hindusamajtemple@gmail.com)

### Some Upcoming Events

**Janmashtami:** A Celebration of Lord Krishna's birth, special programs from 7:30 PM to 12:30 AM on Sunday August 24th.

**Ganesh Chaturthi:** Ganesha, the elephant-headed son of Shiva and Parvati, is widely worshipped as the *supreme god of wisdom, prosperity and good fortune*. Ganesh Chaturthi is celebrated as his birthday when He bestows his presence on earth for all his devotees.

**Mata ki Chowki:** Melodious bhajans devoted to Mata Ji, the Goddess of Knowledge, Wealth, Strength and Power will be sung by **Bhajan Mandali** of Queens, NY. Their inspirational singing will provide a charged atmosphere in which we focus upon the Divine Mother. In so doing, we fulfill our desires of worship, and by Her grace, we receive Her blessings.

**Your Heart: An Integrative Approach For Prevention and Treatment of Common Disorders** – Talk by Dr. Mohan R. Sarabu, Chief, Department of Cardio Thoracic Surgery at Vassar Hospital and by Mrs. Ila Gupta on Yoga and breathing exercises. Followed by heart-healthy lunch and health booths.

**Blood Drive:** We held our spring Blood Drive in May. Another is planned for the Fall. Please consider giving the gift of life and call Chandrika Prasad at 297-1668 to sign up. **Donors & volunteers are needed.**

*The ego and the Self dwell as intimate friends in the same body, like two golden birds perched in the same tree. The ego eats the sweet and sour fruits of the tree, while the Self looks on detached. For as long as you identify with the ego, you will feel joy and sorrow. But if you know you are the Self, the Lord of Life, you will be free from suffering; the supreme source of light; the supreme source of love. You will transcend duality and live in a state of Oneness.*

-Mundaka Upanishad

**Temple Hours:** M-F 9:30AM to 11:30 AM & 5:30-8:30 P.M. **Sat./Sun.** 8:30 AM to 8:30 P.M.  
**Aarati 7:30 PM** everyday. **UPCOMING KEY FESTIVALS/EVENTS...**

15-Aug	Friday	Rig Upakarma Vara Mahalakshmi Puja	7:30 AM 6:45 PM
16-Aug	Saturday	Yajur Upakarma (2 sessions)/Janoi/Rakshabhandan Poornima –Satyanarayana Puja	7:30AM; 8:30 AM 7:00 PM
24-Aug	Sunday	Back to School Saraswati Puja Sri Krishna Janmashtami	11:00 AM 7:30 PM
30-Aug	Saturday	Mata Ki Chowki	6:00 PM
3-Sept	Wednesday	Ganesh Chaturthi	6:30 PM
7-Sept	Sunday	Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations	9:30 AM
13-Sept	Saturday	Ramayana is Yakshgana Style	7:30 PM
14-Sept	Sunday	HAVAN	11:00 AM
15-Sept	Monday	MAHALAYA PAKSHA Begins and ends on 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	
21-Sept	Sunday	Your Heart: talk by Dr. Mohan Sarabu and others	11:00 AM
29-Sept to 8-Oct	Daily	NAVARATRI Lalitha Sahasranamam Garba	7:00 PM 8:15 PM
4-Oct	Saturday	Nava Chandi Homa Annual RAAS GARBA at Casperkill Country Club	8:30 AM 7:30 PM
7-Oct	Tuesday	Saraswathi Avahana/Durga Ashtami/Kanjaka Puja	5:00 PM
8-Oct	Wednesday	Maha Navami	6:00 PM
9-Oct	Thursday	Vijayadashami/Vidyarambam	7:00 PM
11-Oct	Saturday	Dusshera Cultural Program	3:00 PM
12-Oct	Sunday	HAVAN	11:00 AM
13-Oct	Monday	Poornima-Satyanarayana Puja	7:00 PM
17-Oct	Friday	Karuva Chauth	5:00 PM
25-Oct	Saturday	Akhanda Ramayan Starts	11:00 AM
26-Oct	Sunday	Akhanda Ramayan Ends	12:00 NOON
28-Oct	Tuesday	DIWALI-Lakshmi Puja	7:00 PM
29-Oct	Wednesday	ANNAKOOT	6:30 PM
9-Nov	Sunday	HAVAN	11:00 AM
12-Nov	Wednesday	Poornima-Satyanarayana Puja	7:00 PM
15-Nov	Saturday	Diwali Cultural Program (at Beacon High School)	3:00 PM
22-Nov	Saturday	Dinner Dance (at Villa Borghese)	
11-Dec	Thursday	Poornima-Satyanarayana Puja	7:00 PM
14-Dec	Sunday	HAVAN	11:00 AM
26-Dec	Friday	Hanuman Jayanthi	4:00 PM

**Note:** Calendar subject to change. Please call the priest or any trustee to verify. Regular daily abhishekams are pre-poned by an hour on special festival days.

### Schedule of Classes at the Hindu Samaj

Class	Teacher/Contact	Day	Time	Phone Number
Kuchipudi Dance	Swathi Gundapuneedi	Sunday	9:00 – 11:00 AM	732 429 2948
Tabla Instrumental	Ray Spiegel	Sunday	2:00 – 4:00 PM	845 679 8865
Kathak Dance	Satya Narayana Charka	Sunday	4:00 – 8:00 PM	845 783 514
Hindi Language	Anchala Sobrin Padmini Prasad	Monday	7:00 – 8:30 PM	845 226 2542 845 297 2668
Bharatanatyam Dance	Liza Joseph	Tuesday	6:00 – 8:00 PM	914 843 9785
Shloka	Priests	Tuesday	6:00 – 7:00 PM	845 297 9061 845 231 2248
Telugu Bhasha	Anjaneyulu Durisheti	Wednesday	6:30 – 7:30 PM	845 471 9742 (h) 845 392 1661 (c)
Hindustani Classical Music	Anjali Nandedkar	Thursday	6:30 – 8:30 PM	845 226 2241
Yoga	Ila Gupta Nancy Maldonado	Mon. & Thurs.  Sunday	5:45 – 6:45 PM  8:00 – 9:00 AM	845 227 5996

Anyone interested in participating in any of these classes, or starting any other classes, please contact Anchala Sobrin at 226-2542 to discuss details.



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### Membership

Mr. Somaiah Soma

Mrs. Uma Satyendra

### Aarati/Newsletter

Mrs. Kusum Gupta

Mrs. Anchala Sobrin

Aug. 9, 2008

Dear Friends,

Greetings to all! The new administrative year started off on a positive note with the trustees enthusiastically volunteering to contribute to various committees. We welcome Dr. Rakesh Mehta and Mr. Hiren Shah to the board.

With your continued generosity and interest, our temple and cultural center is very active and serving the religious, cultural, health and spiritual needs of our community.

The ongoing yoga class is growing and the community is benefiting. We thank Ila Gupta and Nancy Maldonado for conducting these classes. As yet another of our community-outreach service, our objective is to offer lectures - medical, health, spiritual, and motivational, on a regular schedule. The lectures series will kick-off with a talk by Dr. Mohan Sarabu in September. Please let us know if you have suggestions on a specific topic or speaker.

The temple is visited by professors from local colleges with their students and by pastors/priests with a few of their congregation members to learn more about Hindu beliefs and Indian traditions. We are glad to be the citizen ambassadors.

We organized well-attended Prana pratishtha and special Rudra and Gayatri homas, and a couple of well-received cultural programs by visiting artists. The activities will pick up further momentum as we head into the upcoming festive season.

We need a change of guard for regular volunteer activities such as making garlands once a week or prasad on occasions, etc. I am sure there are many community members who have the interest. Please sign up to carry forward the tradition as the previous volunteer groups move on. Please contact the religious committee or me.

We completed the shell construction of the entrance Gopuram. We are waiting for the Shilpies from India to get their R-1 visa to come and begin the art work. In the meantime, we are focused on immediate expenses such as repairs to the Priest's house (painting, carpet change and town water connection), paying off temple loans, etc.

**We need to shore up the funds to support completion of the Gopuram project, pay-off the loan and support the other activities in the temple.**

**We need your contributions, be it a few dollars, a one-day-expense sponsorship, life-membership, appreciated stock donations, or generous large contributions.** We thank you for your past donations and look forward to your help now. Please use the attached donation form to send in your generous contributions.

We would like to also hear from you on other fund-raising suggestions, or your volunteer efforts towards that end. Setting up an endowment fund to help Hindu Samaj with ongoing annual expenses is an example. Inclusion of Hindu Samaj in a will is another. Please contact me or the fund-raising committee with your suggestions.

Thank you for your continued support to your organization.

Regards,

Sushumna

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### Donation Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ (if you are not receiving Hindu Samaj notifications and would like to be included)

Please make checks payable to "Hindu Samaj" and mail to the address above. Thank you for your generosity.

General Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Life-membership: **\$1000**

Stocks: Company \_\_\_\_\_

One-day-expense: **\$151**

Annual membership: **\$100**

# of shares \_\_\_\_\_

(Please contact the Treasurer for details on transfer of stock certificates)