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RATHA YATRA (Chariot Festival)

Jagannatha Swami

Nayanapathagami Bhabatume

The Ratha Yatra is the grand culmination of a series of celebrations spread over the summer and the monsoon months for the ceremonial journey and sojourn of Lord Jagannath, Balabhadra and Subhadra at the Gundicha Temple for a week.

On the full-moon day of the month of Jyestha (May-June) is the Snana Yatra, the Bathing Festival, when the three deities move in colorful processions to a platform in the outer enclosure of the temple, the Snana Vedit, where they bath with one hundred and eight pitchers of perfumed water drawn from a temple well once a year. After the ritual bath, the deities assume the special elephant form, recalling the legend of the Lord's affection for a devotee, whom He proved that he was in fact another manifestation of Lord Ganesha. At the end of the Snana Yatra day, the holy triad supposedly afflicted with fever, do not return to their pedestal in the sanctum. They stay away from the public view for a period of fifteen days, called Anasara, after which they appear in their Navayauvana Veshas, literally a renewed youth, on the new moon day of the Month of Ashadha. During this fortnight the icons get a fresh coat of painting which gets washed out on the day of the Bathing Festival. During this period the deities eat only fruits, other restricted diet and soft drinks.

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TEMPLE INFORMATION

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You may wish to use this occasion to celebrate important events such as wedding anniversaries,birthdays, ishta devata pooja, graduation, and other memorable days. Events can be hosted by individuals, families, groups of families or organizations. Please reserve your Sunday of choice ASAP by putting your name and phone-no in the calendar at the temple & calling Amita Gupta (513) 336-</div> <div>TEMPLE SCHEDULE</div> <div>Monday - Friday : 9:00AM-12:00 Noon</div> <div>5:00 PM - 8:00 PM</div> <div>Saturday, Sunday</div> <div>& US Holidays 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM</div> <div>SPECIAL PROGRAM ON WEEKENDS</div> <div>9:15 - 9:30 A.M. Suprabhatam</div> <div>9:30 - 11:00 A.M. Daily pooja of Temple Deities</div> <div>11 :00 - 11:30 A.M Sponsored Pooja</div> <div>11 : 30 - 12:15 A.M Bhajan</div> <div>12 : 15 -12:45 P.M. Religious discourse</div> <div>12:45-1:00 P.M. Birthday and Anniversary pooja and announcement</div> <div>1 : 00 P.M. 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Pooja Information

RATES FOR POOJA & PRIEST SERVICES |

SERVICE	IN TEMPLE	OUTSIDE TEMPLE
Abhishekam (All Deities)	\$101.00	—
Aksharabhyas	\$101.00	\$151.00
Anna-Prashanam	\$101.00	\$151.00
Ashtottharam (108) Archana	\$21.00	—
AyushyaHomam/B'day Celebra.	\$101.00	\$151.00
Ground Breaking Ceremony	—	\$151.00
Griha Pravesh	—	\$151.00
Kalayana Uthsava (Lord Ram/ Sita)	\$121.00	—
Kesh Khandan (Churakaran)	\$101.00	\$151.00
Naam-Karan	\$101.00	\$151.00
Navagraha Pooja	\$101.00	\$151.00
Nischitartham (Engagement)	\$151.00	\$251.00
Baby Shower Pooja		\$151.00
Nitya (1 Day) Kainkaryam (Seva)	\$101.00	---
Poolangi Seva (With Flowers)- (Only During Off Winter Season)	\$101.00	---
Regular Archana	\$11.00	—
Sahasranama (1008) Archana	\$51.00	---
Sathyanarayana Pooja	\$101.00	\$151.00
Seemantham	\$101.00	\$151.00
Devi Jagaran	\$75.00	\$101.00
Akhand Ramayan Paath	—	\$151.00
Shashti Poorthi (60th B'day Celeb.)	\$101.00	\$151.00
Anniversary celebration	\$101.00	\$151.00
Suprabhat Seva	\$21.00	---
Unjal (Swing) Seva	\$31.00	---
Upakarma (Thread changing)	\$51.00	---
Upanayam/Brahmopadesham/ Thread Ceremony	\$151.00	\$251.00
Vahan Pooja	\$51.00	---
Yearly Shradham (Barkhi)	\$101.00	\$151.00
Wedding	\$301.00	\$501.00

SPECIAL POOJA RATE

Rates for Mata Ki Chauki performed at another temple will be 15% of the money collected at the temple or a minimum of \$ 501.00.

1. Poojas performed by priests outside the temple will be rated according to the number of poojas performed.
2. 40 Cents/Miles for Travel expense to the Priest to perform pooja at your home.

Rates are subject to change without notice. Rates of Poojas out of Greater Cincinnati will be \$100.00 more than the rates of outside pooja within greater Cincinnati area.

Temple Rental: Lower Floor Only

	Full day	Half day
Monday -Thursday (except holidays)	\$301	\$151
Friday, Saturday & Holidays	\$501	\$351
<u>Sunday after 3PM only</u>	—	\$351

Note: For half day select one of the two:

8:00 AM to 2:00 PM **OR** 4:00PM to 11:00 PM

Temple rental applies to all private reservations for those events/poojas that are performed by private parties and not announced in the temple.

Security/ Cleaning deposit: \$151 required. This deposit will be forfeited if the basement hall bathrooms and kitchen area are not cleaned by the party renting the place.

NOTE: To schedule a Pooja or to rent a temple hall (lower level) please contact pooja Committee chairperson only.

Pooja Committee Announcement:

To schedule a Pooja or to rent a temple hall (lower level) please contact Amita Gupta at 336-8782

If you have any question or suggestion about temple activities contact Amita Gupta at 336-8782, any EC Members or Temple at 528-3714.

1. **Archana** performed during temple hours by sponsorship. No Archana on Sundays between 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
2. **Outside poojas** and other religious services will be conducted by appointment only.
3. To **schedule any poojas** please contact Pooja Committee chairperson at least one week in advance.
4. If you would like to bring **food and prasad** in the temple, Please contact Pooja Committee chairperson .
5. **Cancellations** of pooja should be done 3 days in advance or else the full fee for the pooja will be charged.

St. Vincent De Paul Donation Box

You may have noticed this box near the Parking Lot. Please donate generously . Share your blessings with those that need them. Open your hearts to the less fortunate.

Regular Weekly & Monthly Events at the Temple

Monthly Navgrah Pooja

Every first Saturday of the Month

June 6 , Saturday 3 pm to 5:30 pm

Sponsors needed for Pooja \$51.00

For Details please call

Amita Gupta: 336-8782; Temple priests: 528-3714

Monthly Murugan Abhishekham /Pooja

Every second Saturday of the Month

June 13 , Saturday 4.00pm

Sponsored by Murugan Group.

Amita Gupta: 336-8782; Temple priests: 528-3714



Monthly Satya Narayan Pooja

On Every Purnima of the Month

June 7 , Saturday at 6:30 pm

Sponsorship \$ 51.00

To sponsor pooja call Amita Gupta: 336-8782

Temple priests: 528-3714

Monthly Shri Ganesh Pooja & Shri Ganesh Atharvshirsha Path

Every 4th Sunday of the month: June 28 , Sunday 10:30AM

This pooja is dedicated to each month's

Sankashti Chaturthi to Lord Ganesh.

For more information & Sponsor the pooja please call

Jyoti Divekar : 204-8037

Mangal Nemade : 234-8373

Amita Gupta: 336-8782

Temple Priests: 528-3714

Monthly ABHISHEKAM/KALYANOTSAVAM FOR LORD SRI VENKATESWARA

On June 27, 4th Saturday of each month ,
from 10:30 AM-12:30PM.

To sponsor and details please call any of the following:

Anand Konda: 481-4119; Vasundhara Dasari: 777-3353

Suseela Paturi: 481-8591; Surendra Hanumanthanna: 661-8733

Pandit Sri Srinadh Bhattacharya: 528-3714

Weekly Shiv Mahiman Stotram

Every Monday at 6:30pm



Weekly Hanuman Chalisa Path

Every Tuesday at 6:30pm

To sponsor pooja please call Amita Gupta: 336-8782

Weekly Vishnu Sahasranaam Parayana

Vishnu Sahasranaama Parayana (chanting) will now take place Every Thursday at 7:00 pm in the temple.

Weekly Venkateswar Pooja

Every Friday at 6:30pm

To sponsor pooja please call Amita Gupta: 336-8782

Temple priests: 528-3714

Bhagavad - Geeta Class

For children and parents
(Presented by CHESS Balvihar)

- ⇒ Bhagavad-Gita is the manifest quintessence of all the teachings of the Vedic scriptures. - Adi Sankara
 - ⇒ The Bhagavad-Gita is the most systematic statement of spiritual evolution of endowing value to mankind. *It is one of the most clear and comprehensive summaries of perennial philosophy ever revealed; Its enduring value is subject not only to India but to all of humanity.* -Aldous Huxley
- Join us in understanding and appreciating the timeless wisdom of the Bhagavad-Geeta.

When: Fourth Sunday of the month, 11am to 12:45pm

Where: The Hindu Temple

Taught by: Sri Koti Sreekrishna,

Notes with transliteration guide (Sanskrit to English) provided.

Anisha Singh: 469 - 7432; Vasanta Vemuri: 232- 5767

NEW PROGRAM

1008 Gayatri Jaapa

9th May ,9:30am-1pm

Followed by Aarti, Prasad and Lunch

For details call Temple 528-3714

Amita Gupta 336-8782; Ganesh 857-

719-1500; Acharya Kailash Sharma

652-5382

This prog will be held every 2nd Saturday



Meaning of Gayatri Mantra

**Om Bhur Bhuva Suvah; Tat Savithur Varenyam
Bhargo Devasya Dheemahi; Dhiyo Yonah
Prachodayat**

Oh Mother, who subsists in all the three Kaalas (Time: Past, Present and Future), in all the three lokas (Lokas: Heaven, Earth and Lower Regions) and in all the three gunas (Gunas - Attributes: Sathwa, Rajas and Thamas), I pray to Thee, to illumine my intellect and dispel my ignorance just as the splendorous sunlight dispels all darkness. I pray to Thee to make my intellect serene and bright and enlightened.

Meaning :

We meditate on that adorable light of the divine Supreme who should rouse our intellects. The earth (bhur), the planets (bhuvah), and the galaxies (swah) are moving at a very great velocity, the sound produced is Om, (the name of formless God.) That God (tat), who manifests Himself in the form of light of suns (savitur) is worthy of bowing/ respect (varenyam). We all, therefore, should meditate (dheemahi) upon the light (bhargo) of that deity (devasya) and also do chanting of Om. May He (yo) guide in right direction (prachodayat) our (nah) intellect (dhiyo).

Thought For The Day

Be kinder than necessary because
everyone you meet is fighting some
kind of battle

Upcoming Events at the Temple

JUNE 2009 EVENTS

June 5, 6-7 p.m. Vaikasi Visakam

June 7, 10 - 11 a.m. Sri Jagannath Puja on Snana Purnima

June 7, 5:30p.m. Shri Satya Narayan Puja
Sponsorship \$51 ,Contact Amita Gupta
336-8782

June 13 , 2:30pm-5pm Vaastu Vidya
Contact Meena Manek 398-6744

June 14, GraduationPuja/Havan

11:30 - 12:30 ,Call Temple for Details

Contact Vinod Sagggar 531-9010 or Anisha Singh
469-7432

June 20, 10:30 a.m. Shri Venkateshwar Kalyanotsavam (Please note that this has been changed from 4th Sat to 3rd Sat due to Rath Yatra on 4th)

June 24, 10 a.m. Shri Jagannath Puja

June 27, Rath Yatra Celebration

9:30 am - 11 am Puja

4 pm - 7 pm Rath Yatra Celebration

Sponsors Needed. for details please call

Amita Gupta 336-8782 Swarna Choudhary 232-2343. Temple 513 528-3714.

JULY 2009 EVENTS

July 4, 4:30-8p.m. Lord Murugan 5th Anniversary Festival

4:30 Lord Kanapathy (Ganesh) Pooja

4:45 Abhishekam to Lord Murugan, Sri Valli and Sri Deivayani

5:15 Bajan

6:15 Archana

6:30 Mangala Theepa Pooja including

Ashtanama Archana (108 Names) for Lord Murugan

7:00-8:00 Arthi and Prasad, followed by dinner.

Sponsorship for Abhishekam \$101.00, Archana \$21.00.

For details please call Amita Gupta 513-336.8782, Temple 513 528-3714.

July 5, Sun Bahuda Yatra (Return Yatra of Jagannathji)

July 7, 6:30p.m Shri Satya Narayan Puja
(GURU PURNIMA) Sponsorship \$51

For details please call Amita Gupta 513-336-8782.

July 10, 6:30p.m. 108 Satya Narayan Puja (see below)

July 17, 6-7p.m, Aadi Kiritigai



108 Satya Narayan Puja

To celebrate **GURU PURNIMA**

July 10th Friday, 2009, 6:30 pm At HINDU TEMPLE OF GREATER CINCINNATI

Sponsorship - Pramukh Yajaman \$501.00 Yajaman \$101.00

Satya Narayan Katha 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. 8:00 to 8:30 Bhajan & Aarti 9:00p.m. Mahaprasad (Dinner)

We need 108 sponsors / Yajmans to sit in puja. For details & to reserve your place, contact
Amita Gupta 513-336-8782. Kiran Dayal 513- 474-4051 Acharya Kailash Sharma 513-652-5382.

12th Anniversary Kumbha-Abhishek Celebration

The Indian heritage class kids sang a patriotic song from India- HUM HONGE KAMYAB/WE Shall Overcome The 3-6 yr old kids waved the Indian flag which they had made themselves in the class and the 7years and older kids sang the song for which they had practiced in the class. AWESOME JOB KIDS!!!! The Indian heritage classes are held on alternate Sundays at the temple lower level from 11.30 am to 1.00 pm followed by aarti and lunch For more info please contact Anisha Singh at singhanisha@hotmail.com



JOIN KROGER AND MEIJER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

The Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati is now, a partner with Kroger and Meijer in their Community Rewards Program to get the advantage of their good will of community support. They will donate from about 2% to 4% of the total amount we spend as a community to the HSGC.

HERE IS HOW YOU JOIN KROGER

We have prepaid Kroger cards. You simply, buy the card from us and use it every time, to shop in Kroger for your groceries and you automatically, donate some percent of your grocery bill to your Temple without any additional cost to you. The card you get can be directly, recharged in the store thus it will be a permanent card for you. Help your Temple to help yourself.

To join Meijer: This is done two ways

(1) If you do not have any type of Meijer card follow this:

With Meijer one has to fill out the Application Form on their Website.

Here are the general instructions to do so.

Go to the website: www.Meijer.Com/Rewards

Join for Meijer community Rewards or Meijer Credit Card

Fill out the Application Form

Enter the **HSGC Code No. 964616**

Complete the form

Meijer will send you a Special Card of Community Rewards Program.

(2) If you have any type of Meijer Card or Account follow this:

Go to the website and update your Membership

Follow further Instructions

Enter HSGC Code No. 964616 on Item 2, Option A

Submit.

Both these ways Meijer will directly reward the HSGC.

Please go ahead and enroll in this program and donate your Temple without any cost to you at all. So let us take advantage of this program.

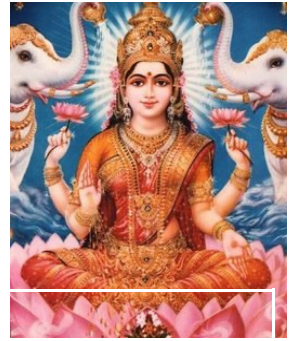
Raneshwar Gupta at 513:232:3331 and Meena Mehta at 513:574:6763.

Heartiest Congratulations to Temple and Priests on Grand Success of



12th Anniversary Kumbha-Abhishek
Celebration

Shri Maha Laxmi Yagna



Thanks ,Acharya Kailash ji,

Acharya Chakreshwar and Pandit Srinath Bhattar on a job very ,very
well done

Thanks to the Puja Committee(Chairperson Amita Gupta) and all Ex-
ecutive Committee Members

Thanks to HINDU HERITAGE CLASS (Chairperson Anisha Singh) and
all the very talented children and devoted parents

Thanks to all the volunteers who spent endless hours to make the
celebrations absolutely amazing

Thanks to all the Sponsors who gave so generously of their support.



Kumbha Abhishek Celebration & Shri Maha Laxmi Yagna/ Shri Sukta Homa



Congratulations Graduates Not another Commencement Speech

Congratulations on reaching an important milestone in your lives.

End of school (Thank God) , start of real life (OH NO!!!!!!!!!!)

The difference is that in school you have the lessons and then the tests and in LIFE , you have tests and then learn the lessons. Hopefully, your schools have prepared you well for rising to the occasion. The learning process is lifelong.

What would Mahatma Gandhi have said to you today ?

“ Be the change that you would like to see in this world.”

What would Lord Krishna have said to you today?

“ Better indeed is knowledge than mechanical practice . Better than knowledge is meditation .But better still is surrender of attachment to results ,because therein lies peace .Put in your best efforts and leave the outcome to Me .”

What would your Indian Culture ,Temple ,Community say ?

“Be proud of your heritage and culture .Take the best from it and combine it with the best of the American culture. Have faith in your belief system and in prayer ! When you ride the ups and downs of life , this faith will make the ride go a little smoother .Remember God everyday and make Him your Best Friend....He is with you even when you are away from family. Remember that you have the prayers and support of your whole community behind you. Grow ,shine and do your community proud!!!!”

What would your parents say today ?

“May the Lord be with you down every road you roam

And may sunshine and happiness surround you when you are far from home

Never settle for the easiest path of least resistance

Spread your wings and fly.....”

What would President Obama say to all of the above?

“ Yes You Can !!!!!!!”and Don't forget to work extra hard .Like they say ,”The harder you work ,the luckier you get .”

Think beautiful thoughts ,Dream beautiful dreams, Be healthy of mind and body ,

Be Happy!!!!

May God Bless You Always !!!!!!!!!!!

Geeta Mehan



If anyone would like to send Pictures of their Graduates for July Aradhana, please send to Geeta Mehan at mehan101@gmail.com by June 16

RATHA YATRA
JUNE 27 @ Temple



BAHUDA YATRA
JULY 5

Cloth paintings representing the deities called Anasara Pati, are displayed beyond the enclosures hiding the deities from the devotees to see and worship.

Finally comes the Ratha Yatra on the second day of the bright fortnight of the month Of Ashadha, when the three deities come out of the temple in a spectacular procession called Pahandi. The deities, which are colossal wooden statues, adorned with giant floral crowns, called Tahias, are literally pulled, pushed and dragged in rhythmic movement to the accompaniment of the beat of cymbals, drums and chanting of their names in chorus by devotees in frenzied ecstasy. After all the deities are seated in their respective chariots starts the Chhera Panhara, the ritual of sweeping of the chariots with a golden broom by the Gajapati King of Puri, the foremost servant of God, the Adya sevaka of Lord Jagannath. The King comes from his palace on a richly decorated palanquin. Chhera Panhara is a symbolic rite which proclaims that the King, like others, is but a humble servant of the real sovereign, Lord Jagannath.

The most exciting part of the Rath yatra is the pulling of chariots by thousands of people who lay their hands on the sturdy ropes and drag the massive structures along the Bada-Danda, the grand road. The chariot of Balabhadra moves first, followed by those of Subhadra and Jagannath. The chariots grind forward slowly until they reach the Gundicha temple and the three deities rest for a night at the entrance on their own chariots. They enter the Gundicha temple on the next day in the usual Pahandi style and stay there for seven days. Goddess Laxmi, who gets angry for being left out at the temple, proceeds to the Gundicha temple to meet her Lord, Jagannath, on the Hera Panchami day, the fifth day of the fortnight. After having a stealthy look at her Lord, she returns to the temple, damaging a part of Jagannath's chariot in anger and disgust.

The deities, after the seven-day stay at Gundicha temple, their garden house, commence their return journey. It is called Bahuda Yatra held on the tenth day of bright fortnight of Ashadha. The return of the chariots takes place in the same order as in the Rath Yatra. Balabhadra's chariot moves first, followed by those of Subhadra and Jagannath. On his way back, Jagannath stops for a while at Ardhasani temple, popularly called Mausi Ma temple or the temple of Aunt. He accepts from the aunt His favourite rice cake, Poda Pitha. The three chariots pulled by thousands of devotees, reach back the Simhadwara in the late afternoon of the Bahuda day and the deities remain seated on their chariots.

On the next day known as the Bada Ekadasi, the three deities, are attired in costumes of glittering gold and are worshipped by thousands of devotees. This form of the deities is known as the famous Suna Vesa. On the Dwadasi day, the three deities go back to their original place, the Ratna simhasana, literally the jewelled platform, with the usual fanfare and the Pahandi style. Their arrival into the Sanctum sanctorum marks the end of the Ratha Yatra the grand festival of chariots.



Sri Jagannath Ratha Yatra

Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati

June 27, 2009

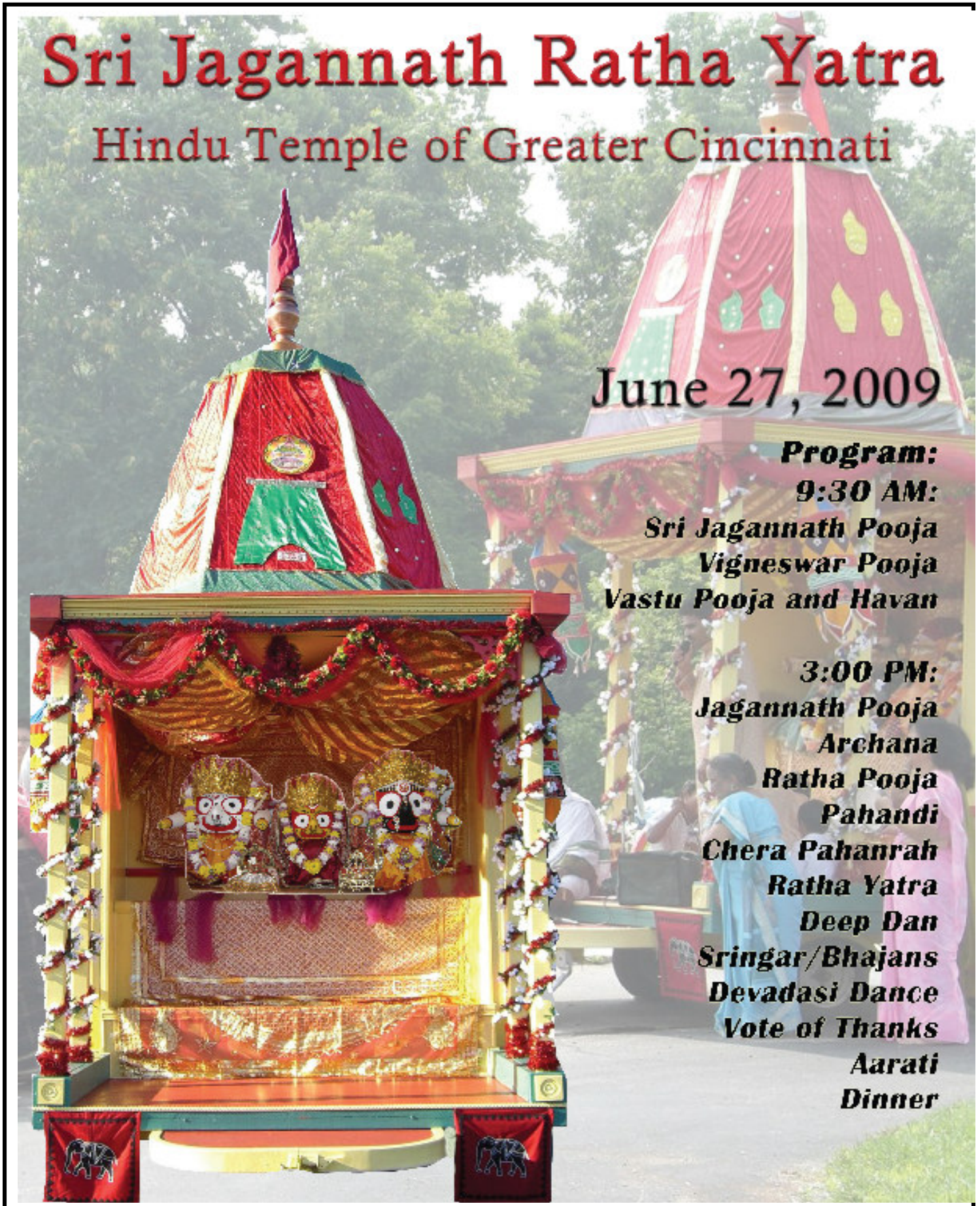
Program:

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Vastu Pooja and Havan**

3:00 PM:

**Jagannath Pooja
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Pahandi
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Ratha Yatra
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Sringar/Bhajans
Devadasi Dance
Vote of Thanks
Aarati
Dinner**



Bhutanese Refugees in Cincinnati

Hundreds of Nepali families have been living in Bhutan for generations. About 20 years back these Nepali families faced political turmoil, when King of Bhutan asked these Nepali origin people either to convert to Buddhism or leave the country. These Nepali families, 95% Hindus, refused to convert and were forced out. About 120000 Bhutanese refugees have been living in south west part of Nepal in Huts without electricity and other facilities. Last year with UNO humanitarian aid and Catholic social services initiative these refugees were granted political asylum in USA and other countries. USA got a quota of 60,000 refugees and other countries got the rest. Thousands of families have started coming to several cities of USA since last year. So far, Cincinnati has received 100 people... about fifteen families. These families have extended family set, three generations living together.

Though they get government aid for some times, but Hindu community also has added responsibility for helping our Hindu brothers and sisters.

How you can help

You can donate India grocery, computers, Bicycles, winter clothes, cars or furniture. You can give them ride for their needs like hospital, job or shopping. Teach them driving. Help for college education.

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Vaastu vidya



Vedic Literature is an age-old Sanskrit literature of India. It has been preserved generation after generation, from parents to children, in the Vedic families of India and is a large collection of verses and books. Each branch specializes in a particular field or aspect of Knowledge. For example, the specialty of Rk Veda, one of the four main Vedas, is WHOLENESS, the holistic aspect of Total Knowledge.

This article is on the Vedic Science of *Architecture*, also referred to as Sthapatya Ved or Vaastu Vidya. Sthapan means to *establish*; Ved means *Total Knowledge*; Vaastu is translated as *plot of land*; Vidya means *wisdom or knowledge*; and Vedic is pertaining to Ved

Sthapatya Ved is the science of the pure knowledge of design, planning, architecture, and construction of homes and work places in accord with the order and design of the human physiology and our cosmic universe – in short Natural Law. Just as our physiology is designed by the Creator to function in an orderly, harmonious and coordinated manner, so should our homes and work places be designed to reflect the same harmony, synchronicity and orderliness. Each component of our body – cells, tissues, organs and systems – is placed in its proper location, and each component functions in coordination with all the other parts to *establish* swastha (health and balance). The same principle of synchrony and harmony is also found in our entire universe, with the sun, moon, and the entire galaxy of stars, all functioning efficiently and coherently.

Likewise, Sthapatya Ved provides for a harmonious, life-supporting, and synchronized design of buildings, so that the individuals living in these homes experience good health, peace, happiness, good fortune, freedom, and enlightenment. When the laws of Sthapatya Ved are violated - as is the case today in the whole world, where buildings are designed hap-

hazardly, topsy-turvy, and arbitrarily - the buildings then function as a sick-building system, and the negative side effects will be experienced as sickness, quarrelling, difficulties, and all problems. One begins to believe that life is meant for suffering.

The origin of this knowledge of designing and constructing homes, communities, cities and countries comes from Shri Vishvakarma, who passed it on to the Rishis and Maharishis, thousands of years ago. In recent years, His Holiness Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, has revived this ancient and precious wisdom of life, from its fragmented, scattered and partial texts, that were left over from the foreign rule in India.

According to Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, a considerable amount of ill health, misfortune, and suffering can be eliminated by living and working in properly oriented homes and buildings. From eight possible directions, only the East and North entrance of a building produces auspicious influences. The East direction is of prime importance because it is the direction from which the sun rises. The sun provides influence of enlightenment, affluence and fulfillment. Aditya, the Sun God, rules the eastern direction. The North direction is ruled by Kuber, Lord of Wealth, and gives the influence of prosperity and happiness. The West direction is ruled by Varun, Lord of Water, with the influence of poverty, lack of creativity and vitality. The South direction is ruled by Yama, Lord of Death, having the influence of negativity, poverty and suffering. The other four intermediary directions are also inauspicious, and must be avoided.

Examples of Good and Bad Effects of the Orientation of Buildings
Direction of entrance has different effects.

GOOD • Layout of the house should be aligned north/south, east/west.
• Entrance on the east is auspicious—positive influence of affluence and fulfillment.

BAD Tilted layout of the house is always inauspicious.

BAD Entrance facing south: Destructive influence, problems, and suffering

These effects can be verified by anyone living in such buildings.

Sthapatya Veda will eradicate the basis of the age-old suffering, and will fulfill the grand purpose of architecture and city planning – happy, healthy homes for problem-free life on earth – for Heaven on earth – for Satyuga on earth!

PLEASE SEE AD ON PAGE 14 and come and enjoy the lecture.

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CREMATION SERVICES GUIDE

About six years ago a small group of people from our community prepared and published (on HSGC website) cremation services guide. The purpose of this guide was to organize data for the Indo-American Community residing in the greater Cincinnati Area and to assist the community when such services need to be rendered.

HSGC feels we need to update this guide. We are looking for a few people preferably a representation from different parts of India, who would be interested in undertaking this task to meet the following objectives

To ensure that services are provided to an Indo-American community in a uniform and consistent manner for cremation.

To ensure that costs of services provided are reasonable by negotiating pricing in advance.

To relieve the burden of the family by giving them information on what to do while they are in sorrow.

To provide a community service efficiently and effectively in an organized manner.

Please contact Meena Mehta at 513-574-6763 or send e-mail at minaash2009@live.com about your interest by June 15th 2009. We will have the first meeting on this topic by end of June. HSGC would like to actively support this activity.

Regards

Meena Mehta ,HSGC President

(Nothing here intended to be a legal advice)

Birthdays and Anniversaries for the Month of June

Happy Anniversary

Haridas Balakrishna	Vishwamitra Helekote	Vithal Nemade	Ragesh Rao
Ranga Brahmamdam	Arvind Kumar	Harish Pai	Srinivas Reddy
Mahadevan Devanathan	Leenata Madiwar	Arvind Patel	Halekote Vishwamitra

Happy Birthday

Aparna Ambe, Shray Ambe, Narendra Bettedpur, Sudhir Bhardwaj, Prabhu Bhoomreddy, Vinni Chopra, Suman Choudhury, Karisma Desai, Jyoti Diwekar, Gilbert Gillespie, Karhikeyan Gopalasamy, Harsh Gupta, Haresh Hemani, Ramesh Iyer, Khush Karamchandani, Rani Khemchandani, Neelima Kool, Devan Patel, Sanjay Patel, Ritvik Peesapati, Vishnu Ramarathnam, Goury Ramdas, Amith Rao, Kiran Saraff, Amulya Shankar, Mukta Sharma, Neelam Sharma, Gaurav Srivastava, Kalpana Srivastava, Shivani Srivastava, Sunit Srivastava, Gayathri Vadin.

*(Celebrated on the first Sunday of each month in the temple.)

Note: In the April Aradhana, Birthdays and Anniversaries

** (Celebrated on the second Sunday of each month in the temple.)

were listed as "May" instead of "April".....sorry about that

If you would like to include your name in the above lists, please call Raj or Shakuntala at 513-733-1537.

Minutes of EC Meeting, April 5, 2009

PRESENT: Meena Mehta, Krutarth Jain, Siva Sivaganesan, Amar Sharma, Amita Gupta, Geeta Mehan, Jyoti Desai, Raneshwar Gupta, Laxmi Srivastava, Shiv Sharma, Anisha Singh.

Preparations for Temple 12th Anniversary Festival

Amita Gupta gave a detailed account of the preparations under way for the festival. EC members volunteered for several activities in preparation for, and as well as during the festival. As always, volunteering and sponsorship from devotees will be sought for various activities.

Addition of a New Pooja for Ohm.

Amita Gupta informed that a new pooja has been introduced. Every 2nd Saturday Gayatri Mantra will be sung 1008 times. Moreover, a havan will be performed to Ohm once every year.

Cultural Programs and Activities:

Jyoti Desai briefed the committee on the success of the Holi Program, and said twelve events are planned for the cultural program during Temple Anniversary Festival.

Permit for Kitchen Renovation

Krutarth Jain informed the committee that the meeting with the Claremont County Building Department went well and expressed optimism about getting the permit.

Front Gate

Laxmi Srivastava and Shiv Sharma explained the repair needed for the front gate and the two bids they have received. The committee approved \$900.00 to cover the cost of the repair.

Indian Heritage Class:

Anisha Singh informed that 30 students have enrolled in the class. Parents paid a nominal donation of \$10.00 per child. Parents also are taking turns to provide snacks.

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