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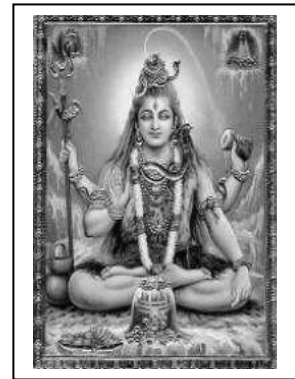
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## MAHA SHIVRATRI

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup> 2010

TIME: 10:30 AM TO 5:30 PM



**The Hindu Community Center  
156 Schuyler Ave, Kearny, NJ 07032  
Phone: 201-997-5556**

**Maha Shivratri Pooja & Rudra Abhishek will be conducted by Kishorebhai Vyas**

- ❁ Ganesh, Kalash & Nava Graha Pooja
- ❁ Alpahar
- ❁ Shiv Pooja, Rudra-Abhishek & Aarti
- ❁ Falahar

**DONATIONS: \$51.00 (Per couple for participation in Pooja & Rudra – Abhishek)**



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## Mahashivaratri Festival

Mahashivaratri Festival or the 'The Night of Shiva' is celebrated with devotion and religiosity of Lord Shiva, one of the deities of Hindu Trinity. Shivaratri falls on the moonless 14th night of the Hindu month of Maha, which corresponds to the month of February - March Calendar. Celebrating the festival of Shivaratri devotees observe day and night fast and worship of Shiva Lingam to appease Lord Shiva.



## Legends of Mahashivratri

There are various interesting legends related to the festival of Maha Shivaratri. According to one of the most popular legends, Shivaratri marks the wedding day of Lord Shiva and Parvati. Some believe that it was on the auspicious night of Shivaratri that Lord Shiva performed the 'Tandava', the dance of the primal creation, preservation and destruction. Another popular Shivaratri legend stated in Linga Purana that it was on Shivaratri that Lord Shiva manifested himself in the form of a Linga. Hence the day is considered to be extremely auspicious by Shiva devotees and they celebrate it as **Mahashivaratri** - the grand night of Shiva.

## Traditions and Customs of Shivaratri

Various traditions and customs related to Shivaratri Festival are dutifully followed by the worshippers of Lord Shiva. Devotees observe strict fast in honor of Shiva, though many go on a diet of fruits and milk some do not consume even a drop of water. Devotees strongly believe that sincere worship of Lord Shiva on the auspicious day of Shivaratri, absolves a person of sins and liberates him from the cycle of birth and death. Shivaratri is considered especially auspicious for women. While married women pray for the well being of their husbands unmarried women pray for a husband like Lord Shiva, who is regarded as the ideal husband.

To mark the Shivaratri festival, devotees wake up early and take a ritual bath in a river. After wearing fresh new clothes devotees visit the nearest Shiva temple to give ritual bath to the Shiva Lingam with milk, honey, water etc.

On Shivaratri, worship of Lord Shiva continues all through the day and night. Every few hours priests perform ritual pooja of Shivalingam by bathing it with milk, yoghurt, honey, ghee, sugar and water amidst the chanting of "Om Namah Shivaya" and ringing of temple bells. Nightlong vigil or jaagran is also observed in Shiva temples where large number of devotees spend the night singing hymns and devotional songs in praise of Lord Shiva. It is only on the following morning that devotees break their fast by partaking prasada offered to the deity.

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**Folks who want to participate in the Pooja & Rudra Abhishek are requested to bring the following item.**

**For Pooja:** Shiv Lingam for Abhishek, Ganesh Murthi, Mataji's Murthi, Sankh, 2 Tarbhanu, 2 Kalash, 2 Pavalu (cup) for water, 2 Aachmani (spoon), Jaladhari for Abhishek, Diva, Divaat's for Aarti, Aarti stand, Ghee, Agarbati (incense), Tokri (bell), 1 Coconut, 8 Betalnut (sopari), 8 Naargarwel na Paan, Rice, 2 Janoi, Aatar (perfume), Aasan, Puspa (flowers) and Tulsi Leafs.

**For Prashad:** All kind of Dry Fruits and Fresh Fruits

**For more details please contact: Kishore G Vyas (Archarya)  
Tel: 201 – 773 – 4491.**

## Astrological Observations

*It is beneficial for the people who are born in the following moon signs that are presently passing through the "SHANI PANOTI" to perform this Maha Shivaratri Poojan.*

*Moon Signs: – Mithun (Gemini), Sinh (Leo), Kanya (Virgo), Tula (Libra) and Kumbha (Aquarius) participate in this Shiv Poojan and get the blessing from MAHADEVJI.*

*If you would like to know your Moon Sign – Contact: Kunj Vihari Pathak @ 732-500-7453*

*All are cordially invited.  
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**Directions:**

**From NJ Turnpike:** Take Exit 15 W towards Newark / Kearny (I-280), pay toll, take (immediate exit) RT. 508 West Kearny on to Harrison Ave. At the 3rd traffic light, make right onto Schuyler Ave. Pass 3 lights. Temple is on your right, opposite to **Schuyler Glass, Inc.**

**From Garden State Parkway:** Take Exit 145, pay toll and follow the sign RT. 280 East (to Harrison) stay on right lane. Take Last Exit (before NJ Turnpike) for Route 508 (Kearny). At 3rd Traffic light make right on to **Schuyler Avenue**. Pass 3 lights. Temple is on your right, opposite to **Schuyler Glass, Inc.**

**From Route 3 (East or West):** Take Exit for Route 21 South (Newark bound). On this Route take Exit 8 and make an immediate left on River Road. At the traffic light make a left on Park Ave and cross over the river. Go straight on Kingsland Ave which becomes Schuyler Avenue pass approx 9 lights, look for hall on your left opposite **Schuyler Glass, Inc.**

**From Holland Tunnel:** Take Route 1 & 9 South, Follow Route 508 for Kearny. Pass RT. 280 and **NJ TPK** and blinking light. At the 2nd traffic light, make right onto Schuyler Ave. Pass 3 lights. Temple is on your right, opposite to **Schuyler Glass, Inc.**

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