GREATER BALTIMORE TEMPLE, INC
BAL VIHAR APPLICATION FORM, 2018-19

The Greater Baltimore Temple Bal Vihar classes will begin on Sunday, September 9, 2018. Please complete and mail the application form below if you wish to enroll your child. All applications must be received at the Temple address, for returning students by Sunday May 20th, 2018 and for new entrants by Sunday, June 17th 2018. A check for the Bal Vihar "Dues" for each child must accompany the application**.**

Check Appropriate Box: Returning Student _____ New Student_____

1. *Parents Data:*
   a. *Last Name: _____* *Father's Name: _____* *Mother's Name: _____*

   b. *Address:* *Street: _____*
      City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

   c. *Telephone: (H) _____ Father (W) _____ Mother (W) _____*
      E Mail: _____
      * Please indicate your e-mail address so that we may notify you promptly of cancellations or changes in the class schedules or the program

2. *Information About Children:*   *_____As of 9/1/18_____*

Child's Name	M/F	Date of Birth	Age	Grade
a. _____ ____	____	_____	_____	_____
b. _____ ____	____	_____	_____	_____
c. _____ ____	____	_____	_____	_____

3. Please help us to better structure the program by responding to the following questions**.**

   a. **What religion class will your children attend?**   ( ) Hinduism   ( ) Jainism
   b. **What language would your child like to learn?** ( ) Hindi   ( ) Gujarati   ( ) Telugu* ( ) Sanskrit*
      ( ) Tamil*   ( ) Marathi* ( ) Other (Specify): _____
   * Classes for these languages will be formed only if there are enough students enrolled.

4. **How would you like to help with the Bal Vihar program** (please check below as many boxes as you wish)?
   ( ) General Help   ( ) Teaching. Specify program _____   ( ) Other. Specify _____

5. **Please indicate the number of Sundays a month you will volunteer?** _____
   All parents must volunteer at least one Sunday a month. Parents run this program and their participation is critical to its success.

6. *Have you paid your GBT membership donation ($121) for 2018? ( ) Yes   ( ) No*

7. *Bal Vihar Dues*: Please indicate amount enclosed $_____*
   (GBT Members: $175 **Non-members:** $300. Please make check payable to the "Greater Baltimore Temple, Inc." and indicate on the check "Bal Vihar")

8. **Medical Information**:
   a. Does your child have any medical problem?   ( ) Yes   ( ) No
   b. If yes, please describe problem: _____
   c. Please indicate action, if any, required by teachers during class: _____

9. **Emergency Contact Information**: Please list primary contact person:

   Name: _____   Telephone Number: _____

By executing this Application we, the undersigned, Parents/Guardians of _____ and _____, do hereby acknowledge that attendance by our minor child at the classes/workshops sponsored by Greater Baltimore Temple, Inc. Bal Vihar (GBT Bal Vihar) is voluntary. We recognize that the GBT Bal Vihar is operated by the parents of the students and volunteers and not by the Greater Baltimore Temple, Inc. We agree to abide by all rules and regulations, terms and conditions established by the GBT Bal Vihar, in this regard. Further, we do hereby release and forever discharge Greater Baltimore Temple, Inc., volunteer coordinators and teachers from any and all claims, demands, damages that we may have by reason of or arising out of or in any way connected with the aforementioned GBT Bal Vihar activities.

   Date _____   Signature: _____

Please mail the completed application and the payment to Bal Vihar, Greater Baltimore Temple, 2909 Bloom Road, P. O. Box 690, Finksburg, MD 21048.

BAL VIHAR, 2018-19
General Instructions

1. *Registration*: Parents wishing to enroll their children in the Bal Vihar program (including those returning from last year) must complete a Bal Vihar Application Form and submit it to the Temple office with application fees, returning students by May 20th, *2018* and new applicants *by June 17th, 2018.* Admission to the program may be limited depending upon the resources available (volunteer teachers, classroom space, etc.). **We will guarantee enrollment to the returning students to school year 2018-19 only if you complete the registration application and pay appropriate fee before May 20th 2018.** Preference will be given to those returning students who submit their applications by *June 17th 2018* and those placed on the waiting list during the last school year. New students will be admitted on a first come-first serve basis based on the date their application is received at the Temple office.

2. *Orientation Program and Open House*: An Orientation Program will be held at the GBT Community Center for all students admitted to the Bal Vihar program and their parents. Open house date will be announced in the temple newsletter. The parents will have an opportunity to interact with the volunteer teachers and coordinators who will be glad to answer any questions.

3. *Class Groupings*: For instructional purposes, children will be divided into the following groups by age: **Preschool** (4 to 5 years), **Elementary** (6 to 7 years), **Junior** (8 to 11 years) and **Senior** (12 to 15 years) Bal Vihar. These age groupings may be adjusted based on the enrollment in each group.

4. *Schedule*: The regular Bal Vihar classes will be held from **9:50 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** for all groups (Pre-School, Elementary, Junior and Senior Bal Vihar). Classes will be scheduled on the following dates:

2018	2019
September 9, 23	January 6, 13, 27
October 7, 21, 28	February 10, 24
November 4, 11*, 18	March 10, 17**, 24
December 2, 9, 16	April 7, 28
	May 5, 19
	June 2, 9***

* Sunday, November 11 - Diwali Celebration, Evening Class
**Reserved for a Snow day
*** Bal Vihar Day Ceremonies –Sunday June 9, 2019
The schedule is subject to change. Parents will be notified of changes, if any.

5. *Expenses:* Bal Vihar "Dues" of $175 per child for children of 2018 members*, and $300 per child for children of non-members (to cover the expenses for the school year) must accompany the application. *Please make the check payable to the Greater Baltimore Temple and note on the check that it is for Bal Vihar*. **The "Dues" are non-refundable unless the child is not admitted to the program. Following Administrative Fees will apply for withdrawal of an application - $50 thru 8/31/2018; $75 thru September end; $100 thru October end & $125 after October 30, 2018.**

6. *Attendance:* In order to make the Bal Vihar program a meaningful experience for the children it is important that they attend classes regularly and come to classes on time. Tardiness (coming late to class) and/or frequent absences result in a child getting left behind in the class and loosing interest. It also disrupts the class and imposes an additional burden on the volunteer teachers. If for unavoidable reasons, a child has to miss a class, then parents are requested to assist the child to catch up with the lessons. Copies of class materials for the classes missed by the student can be secured from the respective teachers. *Children must attend at least 75% of the classes in order to receive the Certificate of Achievement and participate in the Bal Vihar Day ceremonies at the end of the school year.* Also, if at any time after October, 2018, a child's cumulative attendance falls below 50%, or in case of frequent tardiness, the parents may be requested to withdraw the child from the Bal Vihar program.

7. *Program Coordinators:* If you have any questions about the program, please contact Jitesh Parikh (410-876-0365),) Hari Razdan (410-833-4290) or Sanjeev Gholap (410-988-5942).

8. *Volunteers*. Parents and volunteers operate the entire Bal Vihar program. All parents are requested volunteer their help for at least one Sunday every month. We need several volunteers to teach or assist the teachers in various subjects.

9. *Drop-Off and Pick-Up*. In order that the classes may start on time, parents must drop-off their children at the Temple 10 minutes before the start of the first class or assembly. Parents should pick up their children promptly at the completion of the last class. The Bal Vihar or GBT will not be responsible for the children after the completion of the last scheduled class. *By permit conditions for the new Bal Vihar Building, we are not allowed to use Bloom Road to drop of students at the building or are allowed to park on Bloom Road. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated in honoring our neighbors' privacy and peaceful environment. Entrance to the new Bal Vihar Building is from the temples rear parking lot.*

10. *Cancellation:* Individual classes or any part of the Bal Vihar program, or the entire program, may be cancelled at any time without notice, due to unavailability of teachers, volunteers, lack of enrollment or for any other reason.

Date _____   Signature: _____

* Any individual or family paying a membership donation of $121 in 2018 to the Temple is a 2018 member.