



# ગુજરાતી સમાજ

Montréal – Canada

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## Message from the President

August 2009

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Dear Samaj members,

Jai Shri Krishna!

We are thankful to all those who joined us for the picnic and worked hard to make it a great success. Once again we felt that our Samaj is coming back to its golden-jolly spirit. We need it for keeping our culture alive and to pass it over to our next generation.

After having lot of fun at the picnic, are you getting ready for the best of year 2009? Well, the Navratri is coming earlier this year starting in mid-September! Please join us in your traditional Gujarati costumes; it won't be that cold this time. We will wait for you at the Vanier Sports Complex to play Garba and Raas. In the end of October, we have our Annual General Meeting at the same time when we have the Diwali show. We are looking forward to appoint a new Trustee to replace Veenaben Gujarathi, who moved to Toronto this year. I regret to inform you that I have also decided to move to USA this summer and we will have to appoint someone from our committee as a new President for next year. I strongly recommend Mr. Dilip Shah to take over this responsibility at least for the year of 2010 and devote the needed time from his busy life with other Indian organizations. I would like to encourage our children, youth members and parents to register their items for Diwali Show to any of committee members during Navratri, so that they have enough time for practice. We want to make sure it is the best show we ever performed!

I want to thank each and every member of our Samaj to accept my services as your President for the year 2009. I wish I could have continued the same for longer period. After spending more than fifteen years with all of you, I want to assure you that you have a very special place in my heart and I will certainly miss you. Life demands us to move forward with time and I believe my journey with Gujarati Samaj of Montreal was destined only up to this point!

Looking forward to see you soon!

Hitendra Rana

President (2009-2010)

### THE NEW MAILING ADDRESS IS:

P.O. BOX 38120  
3347 Sources Blvd.  
Dollard-Des-Ormeaux,  
(QC) H9B 3J2

Note: The old address  
will remain active until  
October 31, 2009

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
BEFORE DIWALI SHOW  
OCTOBER 24, 2009  
4 pm to 5:30 pm  
Cocktail will be served**

**To book your Aarti For Navratri,  
please contact:**

**Savitamasi – 514-336-2230**

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**Dry Fruit Prasad is recommended**



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# Gujarati Samaj of Montreal



Cordially Invites you to



# Diwali



# Dinner & Show

## Saturday October 24, 2009

**Dinner between 5:30 pm to 7 pm**

**Show between 7 pm to 10:30 pm**

**Pierrefonds Comprehensive High School (PCHS)**

**13800 Pierrefonds Boul. Pierrefonds, QC H9A 1A7**

Shubh Diwali Visit [www.gujaratisamaj.ca](http://www.gujaratisamaj.ca) for More Information

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# Garba/Raas 2009

**A night of  
Garba, Raas & Dandiya**



**Vanier College**

**Ville St. Laurent**

**September 19, 2009 8pm**

**Featuring: Navrang Group**

**September 26, 2009 8pm**

**Featuring: Bansari Group**

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## Navaratri: the 9 Divine Nights



Nava – that also means ‘new’ – denotes ‘nine’, the number to which sages attach special significance. Hence, we have Navaratri (9 nights), Nava-patrika (9 leaves / herbs / plants), Nava-graha (9 planets), and Nava-Durga (9 appellations).

There are 9 manifestations of Goddess Durga; each one is worshipped during the 9 days (explained at the end of the page). Each goddess has a different form and a special significance. Nava Durga, if worshipped with religious fervor, it is believed to lift the divine spirit in us and fill us with renewed happiness.

During Navaratri, we invoke the energy aspect of God in the form of the universal mother, commonly referred to as “Durga”, which literally means the remover of miseries of life. She is also referred to as “Devi” (goddess) or “Shakti” (energy or power). It is this energy which helps God to proceed with the work of creation, preservation and destruction. In other words, you can say that God is motionless, absolutely changeless, and the Divine Mother Durga does everything. Truly speaking, our worship of Shakti re-confirms the scientific theory that energy is imperishable. It cannot be created or destroyed. It is always there.

This energy is a form of the Divine Mother, who is the mother of all, and all of us are her children. “Why mother; why not father?”, you may ask. We all believe that God’s glory, his cosmic energy, his greatness and supremacy can best be depicted as the motherhood aspect of God. Just as a child finds all these qualities in his or her mother, all of us look upon God as mother. In fact, Hinduism is the only religion in the world which gives so much importance to the mother aspect of God because we believe that mother is the creative aspect of the absolute.

Every year the beginning of summer and the beginning of winter are two very important junctures of climatic change and solar influence. These two junctions have been chosen as the sacred opportunities for the worship of the divine power because:

(1) We believe that it is the divine power that provides energy for the earth to move around the sun, causing the changes in the outer nature and that this divine power must be thanked for maintaining the correct balance of the universe.

(2) Due to the changes in the nature, the bodies and minds of people undergo a considerable change, and hence, we worship the divine power to bestow upon all of us enough potent powers to maintain our physical and mental balance

Navaratri is divided into sets of three days to adore different aspects of the supreme goddess. On the first three days, the Mother is invoked as powerful force called Durga in order to destroy all our impurities, vices and defects. The next three days, the Mother is adored as a giver of spiritual wealth, Lakshmi, who is considered to have the power of bestowing on her devotees the inexhaustible wealth. The final set of three days is spent in worshipping the mother as the goddess of wisdom, Saraswati. In order to have all-round success in life, we need the blessings of all three aspects of the divine mother; hence the worship for nine nights.

### **Community Events / Announcements**

If you wish to announce any community events, promotions, your business, announcements, articles, recipes, jokes or drawings, please send them to [webmaster@gujaratisamaj.ca](mailto:webmaster@gujaratisamaj.ca)

### **DIWALI SHOW ENTRIES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY**

**OCTOBER 3, 2009**

### **ENTRIES CAN BE SUBMITTED VIA EMAIL TO**

[culturalactivities@gujaratisamaj.ca](mailto:culturalactivities@gujaratisamaj.ca) OR BY PHONE CALL TO

**NILESH GANDHI AT 514-626-8936.**

**ENTRIES SHOULD CONTAIN THE CONTENT, NAMES AND AGES OF PARTICIPANTS, DURATION, & CONTACT INFORMATION.**



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