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Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore

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Gujarati Community Newsletter

A Non-Profit 501(c)(3) Tax-Exempt Organization

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Board of Trustees Year 2022-2023

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Hello to all my GSB members. I hope everyone had a great summer and I hope that everyone who attended the picnic on August 13th at the Centennial Park had a wonderful and relaxing time. We had over hundred and fifty attendees who took advantage of the beautiful weather, pleasing music by the DJ and delicious food catered by Pavan Foods. We also had over forty-five attendees who enjoyed the religious bus trip to Vraj Mandir on August 20th. I would like to thank all our members who supported us and to all our volunteers who did such an outstanding job serving our community and entertaining us.

We are excited to bring to you the most anticipated program of the year – The Grand Navratri Dandiya – through the four Saturdays in October. We will begin on October 7 with Mayuriben Patel group from India, followed by Deeti & Kushanu Majmundar's Swaraanjali group on October 14, continuing with Jaykar Bhojak Garba Samrat from India on October 21 and wrapping up the Navratri season on October 28th with Mayuri Patel group from India. Each Saturday at the garba, we will have a decent food vendor to satisfy your craving appetite.

Diwali is a season full of festivities, happiness, and lights. The samaj is excited to bring to you an excellent Diwali Dinner and Musical Program on Sunday, November 19 at Sykesville Fire Station Hall. Forum Shah from NJ will be performing, and we look forward to celebrating with you and your loved ones. We encourage you to please book your tickets online at gujaratisamajbaltimore.com or by calling any Board members.

Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) and Committee election for the upcoming term will be held on December 3, 2023, from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm at Greater Baltimore Temple, Finksburg, MD. Nominations are now open and should be received by Election Committee no later than October 31, 2023. More details of the meeting and election process are inside this flyer.

We encourage everyone, especially, our younger generation to volunteer for Gujarati Samaj. Thank you for providing me the opportunity to serve you over these past two years. I will cherish the memories forever. I am also excited to continue being part of the Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore, as we grow even bigger and stronger. Sincerely, the committee would like to thank everyone who has stepped forward to help us celebrate our past events. We cannot express enough gratitude and appreciation to all our volunteers, committee members, their spouses and children, our sponsors, and well-wishers.

Please visit our website for updates and do provide your email address so we can keep you informed. You can also go to our website <http://www.gujaratisamajbaltimore.com> and subscribe to have your name added to our mailing list. For advertisements, please contact Raj Patel and for event sponsorship you may contact any one of the Board members or send us an email at contact@gsbaltimore.org.

Raj Patel – Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore President

Volunteers

Dipak Patel
Haresh Bhatt
Mitu Dalwadi
Suresh Dalwadi
Chandrakant
(Kaka) Desai
Gaurang Patel
Kanu Patel
Jagdish Patel

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Rita Jani
Bhanu Patel
Jagruiti Patel
Kumud Patel
Meena Patel
Rajeshwari
Patel
Rekha Patel
Bina Shah
Irene Shah
Sonal Patel
Neha Talati
Shital Shah
Manisha Bhatt
Chetna Mehta
Preeti Shah

Past

Presidents' Advisory Council

Vishnu Desai
Yogesh Mehta
Jitesh Parikh
Hament Patel
Suvarna Shah

Web Design

Vakul More
Pritesh Shah

Grand Navratri Dandiya Program October 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th, 2023

Time: 8:00 PM to 12:00 AM Place: Meadowbrook Athletic Complex

Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore presents

Navratri



Garba Raas



October 7, 2023

Mayuri Patel & Group

October 14, 2023

Swaraanjali Group

October 21, 2023

Jaykar Bhojak

October 28, 2023

Mayuri Patel & Group

Time

8:00 pm to 12:00 am

Price

\$10 for Members

\$15 for Non-Members

Maximum six tickets available per member's family.

Venue

Meadowbrook Athletic Complex

5001 Meadowbrook Lane

Ellicott City, MD 21043

Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore presents

Navratri



Garba
Raas



Mayuri Patel

Mayuri Patel & Group
from Vadodara, India

Date

**Saturday
October 07, 2023**

Price

**\$10 for Members
\$15 for Non-Members**

Time

8:00 pm to 12:00 am

Venue

**Meadowbrook Athletic Complex
5001 Meadowbrook Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21043**

Maximum six tickets available per member's family.

Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore presents

Navratri



Garba Raas



Swaraanjali Group

The finalist of Zee TV USA
Sa Re Ga Ma Pa



Krushanu
Majmundar



Deeti
Majmundar

Date

**Saturday
October 14, 2023**

Price

**\$10 for Members
\$15 for Non-Members**

Time

8:00 pm to 12:00 am

Venue

**Meadowbrook Athletic Complex
5001 Meadowbrook Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21043**

Maximum six tickets available per member's family.

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Garba Raas



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JAYKAR BHOJAK



Sunny Film Present

Date

**Saturday
October 21, 2023**

Price

**\$10 for Members
\$15 for Non-Members**

Time

8:00 pm to 12:00 am

Venue

**Meadowbrook Athletic Complex
5001 Meadowbrook Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21043**

Maximum six tickets available per member's family.

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Navratri



Garba
Raas



Mayuri Patel & Group
from Vadodara, India



Mayuri Patel

Date

**Saturday
October 28, 2023**

Price

**\$10 for Members
\$15 for Non-Members**

Time

8:00 pm to 12:00 am

Venue

**Meadowbrook Athletic Complex
5001 Meadowbrook Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21043**

Maximum six tickets available per member's family.

Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore presents



Diwali Musical Night

Foram Shah



COCKTAILS

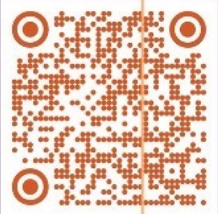
(5:00 - 6:00 pm)

LIVE MUSIC

(6:00 to 9:00 pm)

DINNER

(8:00 - 10:00 pm)



Legacy Hall

6680 Sykesville Rd,
Sykesville, MD 21784

SUNDAY

19

NOVEMBER

Ticket :

\$40 GSB Member

\$60 Non-Member

\$250 for Sponsorship

Gujarati Food Catered By Indian Restaurant

Appetizers - 5:00 pm | Main Course - 8:00 pm

Please buy tickets online at www.gujaratisamajbaltimore.com/Diwaliconcert.aspx

For additional information & Tickets please contact:

Raj Patel (410)-905-6159

Rupal Shah (443)-850-5371

Bhavin Shah (443)-320-3101

Nikhil Talati (410)-979-9399

Ashish Parikh (443)-677-5091

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For sponsorship and more details please contact RAJ PATEL - 410-905-6159

Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore

Election for year 2024-2025 Board of Trustees

Rules:

- Mr. Bhavin Shah will be appointed as a President for years 2024 and 2025 according to our bylaws. He will appoint 3 members to the Board of Trustees according to our bylaws.
- The nominating person and the nominee shall be the members of the Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore for the past year (2022) and the current year (2023).
- A member/family cannot nominate a person for more than one position.
- A member can nominate a person for more than one position. If a nominee is elected to more than one position, then the nominee shall select only one position. The other positions will be awarded to the remaining nominees receiving highest number of votes for those positions.
- A member can select nominees for one, more or all positions.
- Members cannot nominate themselves.
- Nomination forms should be mailed to the following address and received by October 31, 2023. Forms mailed to other addresses or hand delivered to any board member will not be accepted.
- Nominating Committee may recommend a slate of candidates for any positions for which no nominations are received.

Election (if necessary) will be held from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM on Sunday, December 3, 2023 at Greater Baltimore Temple, 2909 Bloom Rd, Finksburg, MD 21048. If there is an election, the names of candidates will be posted on our website gujaratisamajbaltimore.com after November 20, 2023. Members are required to vote in person at the election site. Proxy voting is not allowed.

There will be a General Body Meeting after the elections. Light refreshments will be served.

Raj Patel, acting as an Election Officer, will install the new Officers of the Association with the effective date of January 1, 2024.

Please mail the nomination forms to:

Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore

P. O. Box 687

Owings Mills, MD 21117

For additional information, please call any members of the Nominating Committee:

Raj Patel (410)-905-6159, Rupal Shah (443)-850-5371 or Bhavin Shah (443)-320-3101

NOMINATION FORM FOR GUJARATI SAMAJ OF BALTIMORE, INC.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR YEARS 2024 & 2025

I Mr. / Mrs. / Ms.

The undersigned nominate the following persons for the representative positions indicated against their names.

<u>Name</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NOMINEE SIGNATURE & PHONE NUMBERS</u>
1. _____	Vice President	_____
2. _____	Secretary	_____
3. _____	Joint Secretary	_____
4. _____	Treasurer	_____
5. _____	Joint Treasures	_____
6. _____	Auditor	_____

I declare that I am a current life member of the Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore, Inc. and have been a member for the past year. I shall willingly present my membership proof if required by the Nominating Committee.

Nominated by:	Seconded by:
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
Phone: _____	Phone: _____
Signature: _____	Signature: _____
Date: _____	Date: _____
All fields must be completed.	All fields must be completed.

Nominees, by signing the form, acknowledges that they have read the bylaws of Gujarati Samaj, Inc. (available on GSB website) and, if elected, agree to uphold the bylaws, and serve to the best of their abilities to fulfill the duties of the position.

Qualifications for Election:

- i. A candidate for position on the Board of Trustees must be life member prior to the nomination.
- ii. For the Vice-President, a candidate must have held a position on the Board of Trustees for at least one complete term to be eligible.
- iii. Only one person from a member family shall be elected as a member of the Board of Trustees.
- iv. The candidate must be a legal resident of Maryland.
- v. Any elected position candidate must have no prior history of criminal conviction.
- vi. Nominating Committee reserves the right to reject any nominees that may have conflict of interest.

Nominees are requested to provide a short introduction of themselves to the members. Please complete a short questionnaire to provide a little background information such as:

1. Nominee's Short-Bio to include and relevant experience and skills (either in private, public, or nonprofit sector).
2. What can you offer to Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore to make it a better organization?

Please note: Incomplete nomination forms will not be accepted.

Mail completed form in sealed envelope to reach by Oct 31, 2023	Mail to: Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore P.O.Box 687 Owings Mills, MD 21117	For Election Committee use only Date Recd: Form Valid YES [] No [] Verified by (Name): _____ Verified by (Signature): _____
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FORWARDING POSTAGE GUARANTEED**



2023 EVENTS CALENDAR

Drama @ New Town High School, Owing Mills	Saturday May 13, 2023
Comedy (Charity) show by Jagdish Trivedi @ GBT Temple.....	Saturday, June 24, 2023
Picnic @ Centennial Park East Pavilion H.....	Sunday, August 13, 2023
Temple Trip	Sunday, August 20, 2023
Navratri @ Meadowbrook Athletic Complex	October 7, 2023
Navratri @ Meadowbrook Athletic Complex	October 14, 2023
Navratri @ Meadowbrook Athletic Complex	October 21, 2023
Navratri @ Meadowbrook Athletic Complex	October 28, 2023
Diwali Dinner @ Legacy Hall, Sykesville, MD.....	November 19, 2023
General Body Meeting @ GBT Temple.....	December 3, 2023