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Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore

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**Gujarati Community Newsletter**

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Greetings from the Executive Committee and the Volunteers of the Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore. I hope you have been enjoying this summer weather.

Thus far, we have shown "Patel Ne Roke Ane Bhagwan Toke", a very successful, and hilarious, Gujarati drama. The members that came out truly enjoyed the play. The next event we are excited to bring to you is the Picnic on Sunday, July 30th at Centennial Park in Pavilion H. Please join us for a great day of Masti, food, and fun. Please find additional information about the picnic in the newsletter elsewhere, or on our website ([www.gsbaltimore.org](http://www.gsbaltimore.org)). Please register for this event online as soon as possible, as it is first come first serve.

We are also excited to present the Temple Yatra, for member's only, on Sunday, August 27th. We are excited to take you to Sri Venkateswara Temple (Balaji Mandir), New Jersey. You can register for this event online as well. This event is also on a first come first serve basis.

We are also bringing you our annual Navratri programs. The dates are September 16th, 23rd, 30th, and October 7th. The Garbas will occur at the Meadowbrook Athletic Complex. More details about this event will follow. Don't forget to save the dates!

For more details, please visit our website for updates and please provide your email address, so we can keep you informed. We are working on getting information out to you faster. In order for us to do that, please ensure that your email address is the most up to date.

For advertisements, please contact Raj (Bunty) Patel and for event sponsorship you may contact anyone of the Board members or send us an email at [contact@gsbaltimore.org](mailto:contact@gsbaltimore.org).

I look forward to seeing all of you at our future events. Thank you for your help in making Gujarati Samaj an incredibly successful organization. Thank you to all the Committee Members, Volunteers, and everyone who helps in any way possible.

**Manisha Bhatt – Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore President**

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**The Annual Picnic  
July 30, 2017 @ Centennial Park - East Pavilion H  
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**Sunday, July 30th, 2017  
12:30 PM to 7:00 PM**



**Centennial Park East  
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**DINNER: 6:00 PM TO 7:00 PM  
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**CHARGES: Ages 5 and over: \$ 15 per person (Members Only)  
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Members' guests (Nonmember): \$ 20 per person**

**Please register online or contact any committee Member.  
Please mail your Payments by July 26, 2017 to:**

**Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore  
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# **A Day Trip To Sri Venkateswara Temple (Balaji Mandir), New Jersey**

## **MEMBERS ONLY EVENT**

**Sunday, August 27, 2017**

**Venue: Sri Venkateswara Temple, 1 Balaji Temple Dr., Bridgewater, NJ 08807**

**Limited capacity of 120 only – First come first served.**

**Register online at [www.gsbaltimore.org](http://www.gsbaltimore.org) by August 11, 2017 or by calling any committee members.  
Registration will close once we reach the capacity.**

**Welcome to Sri Venkateswara Temple**



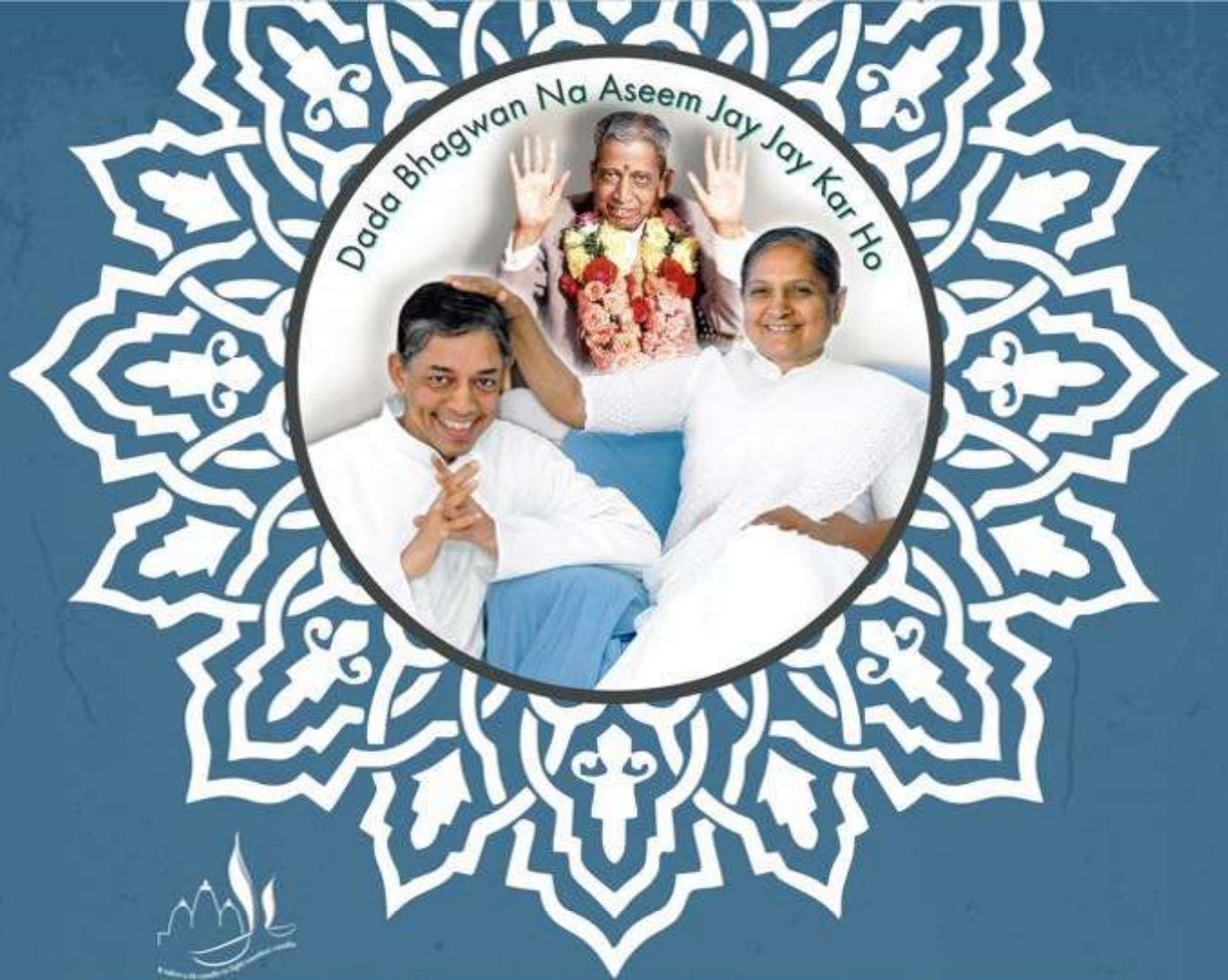
**Pickup at 8:00 AM and Drop-off at 7:00 PM at  
Owings Mills Metro Station**

**Cost: \$ 25 per member – No Refund**  
**(Partially covers transportation)**

Please register as soon as possible and send your payment to Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore, P.O. Box 687, Baltimore, MD 21117. To secure your place, please ensure that your payment reaches us within a week of the registration or by August 11, 2017 whichever comes first. Gujarati Samaj is providing the bus transportation for a nominal cost of \$25 per person. Our cost is over \$40 per person. No refunds please.

Please note: Each participant is required to sign Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore's liability release form. Form will be provided on a day of the trip.

**We request our members and businesses to donate generously for such a good cause in order to continue such trips in the future. Please contact any committee member if you would like to make a donation in any amount.**



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**Treasurer's Report - Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore**  
**January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015 And January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016**

	Calendar Year 2015	Calendar Year 2016
<b>Balance on Hand January 01, 2015 and January 01, 2016</b>	<b>\$186,350</b>	<b>\$212,017</b>
<b>Receipts - Events and Program Specific</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
Navratri	\$44,433	\$65,140
Diwali	7,319	7,167
Drama	-	-
Janmashtami Program	-	-
Events & Program Specific Donations/Contributions Received	351	1,541
Music Program	4,705	1,065
Other Receipts (Vendors, etc.)	-	-
Youth and Other Events (Bowling, Ski trips..)	-	-
Temple & Other Field Trips	500	1,821
Picnic	1,625	3,416
	<b>\$58,933</b>	<b>\$80,150</b>
<b>Disbursements - Events and Program Specific</b>		
Professional Fees and Other Payments to Independent Contractors (Includes Payment For Drama, Caterers, Artist for Navratri/Diwali)	\$15,165	\$36,496
Event Fees & Supplies (Fees, Misc Food & Supplies)	9,896	12,240
Occupancy, Rent (School Facilities), Utilities, and Maintenance	6,019	8,889
Transportation & Related (Contractors)	160	2,800
Event Specific Printing, Publications, Postage, and Shipping	-	-
Music System Rental & Audio Technicians	-	1,000
Custodial Service Fees (Janitorial)	-	-
Donations Paid	-	2,806
Event Specific Office and Administrative Expenses	-	-
	<b>\$31,240</b>	<b>\$64,231</b>
<b>Receipts Less total Disbursements - Events and Program Specific</b>	<b>\$27,694</b>	<b>\$15,919</b>
<b>Receipts - General</b>		
Advertisement Proceeds	\$1,700	\$3,050
Investment Income	384	331
Management Training and Team Building	-	-
Donations - General	-	-
	<b>\$2,084</b>	<b>\$3,381</b>
<b>Disbursements - General</b>		
Printing, Publications, Postage, and Shipping	\$3,235	\$4,329
Professional Fees	-	-
Office Supplies	795	22
Liability Insurance	348	340
Meetings and Administrative Costs	2,860	402
Management Training and Team Building	-	-
Bank Fees	141	33
Donations Paid - General	-	-
	<b>\$7,379</b>	<b>\$5,126</b>
<b>Receipts Less total Disbursements - General</b>	<b>(\$5,294)</b>	<b>(\$1,745)</b>
<b>Receipts - Membership Dues</b>		
Members' Dues - Life Membership (15 - Year 2015; 12 - Year 2016)	\$3,216	\$2,412
Members' Dues - Annual Membership (1 - Year 2015; 2 - Year 2016)	51	102
<b>Total Membership Dues Received</b>	<b>\$3,267</b>	<b>\$2,514</b>
<b>Net Increase or Decrease in Cash Balance</b>	<b>\$25,666</b>	<b>\$16,688</b>
<b>Balance on Hand December 31, 2015 &amp; December 31, 2016</b>	<b>\$212,017</b>	<b>\$228,704</b>
Prepared: 5/15/17		
Audited:		
Audited By:		
<b>Note: Clarification of expense categories subject to change based on any additional information made available after the report date.</b>		

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Drama “PATEL NE ROKE ANE BHAGWAN TOKE” .....	Sunday, April 9, 2017
Picnic @ Centennial Park East Pavilion H.....	Sunday, July 30, 2017
Temple Yatra .....	Sunday August 27, 2017
Navratri Program @ Meadowbrook Athletic Complex.....	Saturday, September 16, 2017
Navratri Program @ Meadowbrook Athletic Complex.....	Saturday, September 23, 2017
Navratri Program @ Meadowbrook Athletic Complex.....	Saturday, September 30, 2017
Navratri Program @ Meadowbrook Athletic Complex.....	Saturday, October 7, 2017
Diwali Dinner & Music Program.....	TBA
General Body Meeting @ Greater Baltimore Temple.....	Sunday, December 3, 2017