

AUGUST 2014



Navratri (nine nights) is one of the greatest Hindu festivals. It symbolises the triumph of good over evil. Navratri takes place around harvest time and, as the name implies, this festival is celebrated for nine days. Navratri is also known as Durga Puja.

During this period, Durga, Laxmi and Saraswati are worshipped as three different manifestations of Shakti, or cosmic energy.

The festival is dedicated to Durga, the mother goddess who also represents power. Durga annihilated the demon Mahishasura after a relentless battle lasting nine days and nights.

Navratri is a festival in which God is adored as Mother. It is said that Shiva gave permission to Durga to see her mother for nine days in the year and this festival also remembers this visit.

Hinduism is the only religion in the world which has emphasised to such an extent the mother hood of God.

**JAI AMBE MAA**



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## NAVRATRI 2014

Dear Members,

It gives us great pleasure in inviting you to celebrate the auspicious festival of Navratri.

### Where & When?

Dates:	26/09/2014	Friday	8pm to 11:30pm
	27/09/2014	Saturday	8pm to 11:30pm
	28/09/2014	Sunday	8pm to 11:00pm
	29/09/2014	Monday	8pm to 11:00pm
	01/10/2014	Wednesday	8pm to 11:00pm
	02/10/2014	Thursday	8pm to 11:30pm
	07/10/2014	Tuesday	8pm to 11:00pm
		(Sharad Poonam)	

Note: There will be NO Navratri programme on following days due to other events taking place at JFS School on these days:  
25/09/2014 Thursday  
30/09/2014 Tuesday

Venue: JFS School, The Mall, Kenton HA3 9TE

### Daily Entrance

Adults: **£3.50** Senior Citizens (Over 60) & Junior Members (under 16 years): **£1**  
Disabled Passes: **Free** Guests/Non-Members (All Ages): **£5**

**Daily Tickets** – Can only be purchased by those attending the programme and for those present at the front ticket desk. So please park your vehicles and accompany your family and friends to buy your tickets together. NOT available for purchase in advance.

### Season Pass (7 Nights) - For Adult Members Only: £18

**Season Pass** - Can be obtained in advance by completing the attached application form and returning it to the address on the form together with your payment and a self-addressed stamped envelope by no later than 18th September 2014. The organisers will not be held responsible for non-receipt of applications or applications lost in the post.

**26th, 27th Sept & 2nd Oct: Members Only until 9pm after which Guests/Non-Members will be allowed subject to capacity**

Management reserves the right of entry. In order to comply with Health and Safety Legislation, entry will be on a first come first served basis except for the Season Pass holders.

**Membership** - Please ensure that you **bring your membership cards with you**. You are strongly advised to renew your membership prior to the start of the Navratri.

**Musicians** - Music will be provided by "Musical Stars", managed by Dhruv Gadhvi who also coordinates the Zee TV "Out and About" programme. It is anticipated that we shall be filmed for this TV show during one of the nights.





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## Order of Proceedings

### *Samaiyo — 8pm followed by Garba*

This is a daily ritual whereby any family may request the honour of welcoming *Mataji* to our *Garba*. The first *Garba* is performed by the family carrying the lit *Garbo* (ladies on the head, men on the shoulder). Please contact us if you wish to perform the *Samaiyo*.

### *Aarti — 9pm followed by Raas*

Anyone is welcome to perform the *Aarti* however please bring one *Aarti Thali* only per family and ensure you collect it at the end of the evening. There will be no charge for performing the *Aarti*.

### *Prasad — End of the Evening*

Any member is welcome to bring *Prasad*, however please ensure all sweets etc. are approved as suitable for vegetarians so that they are appropriate for offering to *Mataji* and make organisers aware of/label items containing nuts to avoid risk of allergic reaction. Remember to collect your container at the end of the evening.

## How Can I Get Involved?

### *Mataji ni Chundadi*

Community Members wishing to donate a new *Chundadi* (*Sari*) to *Mataji*, please kindly contact Vandanaben Joshi. The *Sari* will be placed on the *Madh* and returned to you as *Prasad* during the same evening. *Saris* will be accepted on a first come first served basis.

### *Competition*

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October there will be a competition for best dressed male and best dressed female (age groups 5-11, and 12-16). Winners will be chosen only from those participating in the *Garba*.

### *Dussera Yajman Bidding*

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October (*Aatham*) there will be bidding for the honour of being *Yajman* at the *Dussera Havan*, which will take place at SKLP Hall, Northolt, Middlesex on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2014. This is organised by BSNL, however, the bidding is open to all members from all three *Samajs*.

### *Become a Volunteer*

You can offer your time and join up as a volunteer – as such, you will be given duties which you will be responsible for completing".

## What Can I Do To Help?

### *Donations & Sponsorship*

You can donate refreshments for any evening e.g. water, soft drinks or milkshake etc. You can make donation towards the cost of the Hall Hire for each evening, either in the name of a family member, individually or anonymously. We are also offering advertising at this festival for your company or organization, please contact Harshaben Trivedi for further details. Donations/Sponsorship cheques should be made payable to "Brahm Samaj".

**PLEASE NOTE FOOD AND DRINKS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE MAIN HALL**

### BRAHM SAMAJ JOINT STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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