



# LOHANA SAMAJ OF U.S.A.

WE SHALL WORK TOGETHER FOR A BETTER TOMORROW!

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jai Shri Krishna, Jai Swaminarayan and Jai Jalaram.

The summer of 2007 is upon us and that can only mean one thing. The Summer Picnic is around the corner. It will be a great occasion that will be held at the same place as last year's picnic. Last year, the Samaj saw a great surge in attendance at the picnic. We saw over 300 people at the event. It is of great pride to all of us that we have so many people interested in the events and are in attendance. Not only do we see the "regular" crowd and staples that we have gotten accustomed to but there is great deal of interest from first timers and new families.

As I highlight the success of the Samaj in both maintaining our relationship with the old families and bringing new faces to our activities, let me also bring forth to your attention the needs of the samaj. WE NEED FAMILIES TO BECOME MEMBERS. PERIOD. There is no way of getting around this fact. Whether it's this committee or future committees, there is a need for membership dues from all the members. I urge all attendees to please become members of the samaj. We have lifetime memberships as well as yearly memberships. WE CANNOT SUSTAIN OUR ACTIVITIES AT THIS RATE.

In addition to the memberships, donations are always welcome at any level. Whether you would like to be a grand sponsor or would like to make a \$50 or \$100 donation, every little bit will help. We spend a tremendous amount of money on these functions and the attendance fee that is charged is only a minor portion of the total cost. As usual, I thank all the past and present sponsors for their support and will ask for the same this year as the Diwali/Holiday function approaches.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the picnic and enjoying the sun, food and activities.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely  
Abhijeet Jatania  
President

### Tentative Upcoming Events

Lohana Garba - November 2007  
Lohana Holiday Party - December 2007  
Lohana Spring Festival - April 2008

<b>Matrimonial</b> Kanti Pabari (732) 422 8330 Smita Gadhia (732) 632-8865	<b>Youth &amp; Cultural Activities</b> Jaydeep Manek (732) 910 1474 Aartee Kotecha (908) 754 6220 Dilip Pabari (732) 382 2278 Chirag Thakkar (732) 548 6300	<b>Website</b> Brijal Lakhani (732) 225 2744 Jimin Bhuptani (732) 452 0243 Chirag Thakkar (732) 548 6300	<b>Editorial</b> Hasmukh Jasani (732) 516 0874 Brijal Lakhani (732) 225 2744 Abhijeet Jatania (973) 762 1508 Jaydeep Manek (732) 910 1474	<b>Reception &amp; Public Relations</b> Kanti Pabari (732) 422 8330 Dinesh Ganatra (732) 516 1767 Manubhai Pujara (732) 321 9087	<b>Advisory Board</b> All past Chairmans And Presidents
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Spring FESTIVAL 2007  
Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 2007



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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Profession: \_\_\_\_\_ Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Children:	Name	Age	Education
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

\$251.00 Life Membership - Family

\$51.00 Annual Membership - Family

\$151.00 Life Membership - Individual

\$25.00 Annual Membership - Individual

Member's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

# LOHANA SAMAJ OF U.S.A.

## SUMMER PICNIC 07

SUNDAY  
JULY 22, 2007  
10am to 6pm

*Be a part of the FUN EVENT  
Join with your family and friends*

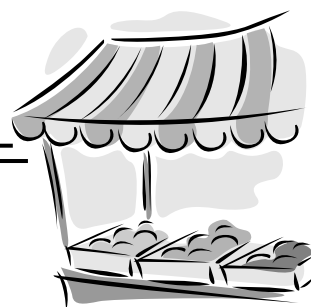
Roosevelt Park Route 1, Edison, NJ - Grove #2 (1 Pine Drive, Edison, NJ 08837)

### PROGRAM

10:00 am -12:00 pm Registration & Breakfast (Gota, Tea, Coffee etc.)  
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Lunch (Khichdi, Kadhi, Chhash etc.)  
2:00 pm - 2:30 pm Annual General Meeting  
4:30 pm - 6:00 pm Watermelon & Ice Cream  
FUN AND GAMES  
FOR ALL AGE GROUPS THE ENTIRE DAY!

### ENTRY FEE:

**\$7/-**  
per Person



### HOW TO REGISTER

Website: [www.lohanasamajusa.org](http://www.lohanasamajusa.org)

Registration Deadline - July 15, 2006

Call: Kanti Pabari @ 732-422-8330 • Chirag Thakkar @ 732.548.6300

Abhijeet Jatania @ 973-762-1508

TO SUPPORT THE ASSOCIATION CONTACT: Chirag Thakkar @ 732-236-3209

DIRECTIONS to Roosevelt Park - For detailed directions to the picnic, please visit our website.

#### Route 287

- ✍ Follow 287 to Exit for Route 1 North
- ✍ Follow directions for Route 1 North

#### Route 1 South

- ✍ Make right at Grandview Ave. (After Menlo Park Mall)
- ✍ Bare right
- ✍ Make first left into park

#### Route 1 North

- ✍ Take jug handle at Lafayette Rd.
- ✍ Cross back over Route 1 (turns into Grandview Ave.)
- ✍ Bare right, make first left into park

#### NJ Turnpike

- ✍ Take Exit 10 (287 North)
- ✍ 287 North to Route 1 North
- ✍ Follow directions for Route 1 North

#### Garden State Parkway - South

- ✍ Take Exit for Route 1 South
- ✍ Follow directions for Route 1 South

#### Garden State Parkway - North

- ✍ Take Exit for 287 North (after Raritan toll plaza)
- ✍ Take Exit for Route 1 North
- ✍ Follow directions for Route 1 North

Please fill the form and mail along with your check to:

### Lohana Samaj of USA

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REGISTER ONLINE and pay at the door  
[www.lohanasamajusa.org](http://www.lohanasamajusa.org)

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

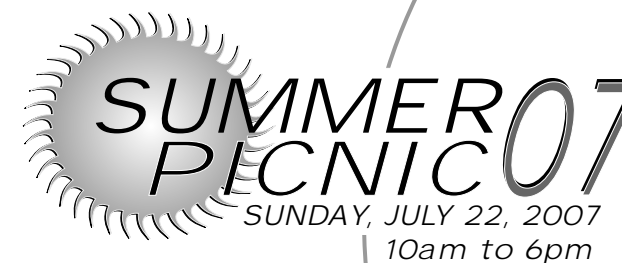
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Month: JUNE 2007



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## SPRINT FESTIVAL FUNCTION - SATURDAY , APRIL 28, 2007

Saturday April 28th night witnessed almost 300 New Jersey Lohanas gather at the Swaminarayan Temple in Secaucus for the Spring Festival evening – basically an evening to celebrate fellowship, brotherhood, culture and most importantly – to have fun!

The evening started off by everyone catching up with friends over tea and garam nashta including fresh, yum hot-off-the-fryer jalebii!

Soon after guests were seated and the evenings proceedings began.

Our event started with a performance from the youngest members of the Samaj getting the crowd revved up for the evening with a very lively "Dhadak Dhadak". This was followed by two more beautiful performances to "KangnaRe" and the patriotic "Des Rangila". The dances put us all in the perfect mood for an excellent skit focusing on Indian culture and the value of retaining it in a "modern" society while having family members of different generations. This was a real crowd pleaser. Kudos to all the young Lohanas who performed it! Of note was that the entire play was in Gujarati, and refreshing to see our youngsters speaking it so fluently, which purely reflects on their upbringing and instilment of cultural values and ideas right from an early age.

Following the skit we had a variety of dances performed to hit bollywood songs by some of the elder members of our youth community – such was the response from the crowd that the young ladies had to display their routine amidst the cheers of once more! and cat whistles!

Following the dances was a well-deserved break for dinner. My, such delicious dishes were prepared! A sumptuous veggie meal – of Chappan Bhog standards – that was enjoyed by everyone.

To round up the evening, so as to involve all age groups from the audience, an Antakshri was hosted by Chirag and Jimin. With four teams, Aamne, Saamne, Deewane, and Parvaane, and the belting out of recent and a few classic Bollywood hits really kept the crowd's adrenalin level high.

Indeed, such was this gathering eagerly awaited by the community that two young students even flew all the way out from North Carolina just to attend it!

The Lohana Samaj of New Jersey U.S.A. was established in 1987 and serves to promote cultural and social events in the community. For information, contact [info@lohanasamajusa.org](mailto:info@lohanasamajusa.org)

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