



CELEBRATING NEW BEGINNINGS

A Life of Blessings

INAUGURATION OF THE NEWLY-RENOVATED TORONTO CENTRE
& DIWALI CELEBRATIONS WITH SISTER MOHINI • OCTOBER 27, 2018

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The Toronto Centre was acquired in 2010, when we were blessed with visits from Sister Mohini –and later Dadi Janki – for the initial inauguration. Almost seven years later, the city finally approved our plans for a complete makeover that included structural and cosmetic changes, enabling us to obtain a change of usage for the operation of the centre as a Church.

This big renovation took almost a year. The Brahmin Family, empowered by the guidance and blessings of Sister Mohini and directions from BapDada, came together with so much love, commitment and dedication to make wonders happen. It can best be described as “a desire to build a palace with a penny in the pocket”; Karankaravanhar Baba did His Magic and made wonders happen. The Brahmins co-operated and the financial needs were met as well. Many challenges and obstacles were faced which were mere test papers. On the City’s instructions we had to rent a facility to carry on with the Centre activities as it was unsafe to operate at the construction site. While the contractor worked with various trades people, an internal Brahmin construction team worked simultaneously both planning and carrying out smaller tasks on their own with a view to help save costs and time. The workers were fed Brahma Bhojan on a daily basis! After numerous inspections, the occupancy certificate was finally secured.



It was with great pride that we were finally able to invite Sister Mohini for the Inauguration of the Centre and Diwali Celebrations. The Centre became alive as souls began the cleaning, setup and preparations. While the world celebrated Navratri – the invoking of the deities – the Brahmins were busy making their fortune to become these deities. It felt very festive! As **Sister Mohini** hadn't visited Toronto in a long time, there was a lot of excitement to welcome her with **Bhumiben** and **Sister Luciana** of New York.

We had the fortune of also welcoming **Brother Eric** from Montreal who represented the Canadian family, **Sister Sangeeta** from Ottawa and Brahmins from nearby areas as well as **New Jersey**.

The Inauguration was very well attended with both Halls filled to capacity and an overflow in the foyer. Dignitaries gracing this occasion included:

- **Mr, Dinesh Bhatia**, Counsel General of India
- **Mr. Anthony Perruzza**, Councillor
- **Mr. Minhas**, Ex-Trustee of the School Board
- **Mr. Satish Thakkar**, Chairperson for the International Yoga Day
- **Kuldip Gollee**, representative of Mayor-Elect for Brampton
- **Patrick Brown**, representative of Sonia Sidhu, Member of Parliament for Brampton South
- **Naval Bajaj**, Community Leader

Messages were also received from:

- **Hon. Doug Ford**, Premier of Ontario
- **Patrick Brown**, Mayor-Elect for Brampton.

There was the ribbon cutting, candle lighting and cake cutting followed by very supporting speeches from our guests.

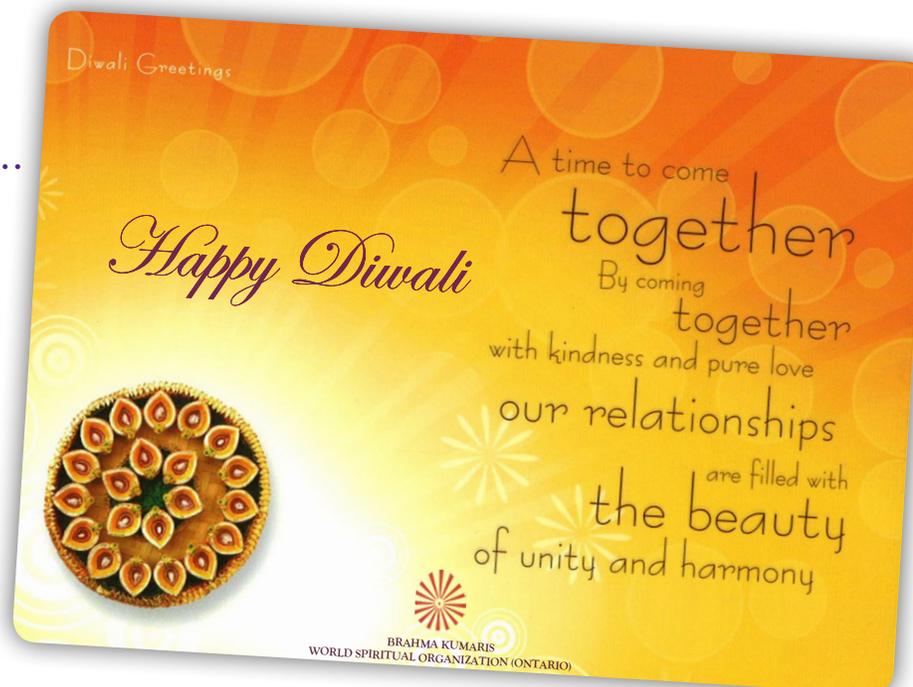


The Contractor and the trades people also attended and they were acknowledged for their contribution over and above the norm.

The following morning was Baba's Day. We celebrated with BapDada and later had a Brahmin Inauguration followed by dance, garba and punjabi gidda. Sister Mohini was an image of blessings upon blessings and she filled each one's heart and desires with her loving and divine presence.

*The Toronto Family
would like to take this opportunity
to wish you all a Very Happy Diwali.*

May all Baba's children
become the illuminated lights
who ignite the lights of others...
filling their hearts
with hope and their lives
with love, peace
and happiness.





Sister Mohini with the Instruments of the various service places



Sister Mohini preparing the coconut for the Inauguration Ceremony



Sister Mohini offering Bhog



Cake Cutting with the Instruments of service places



Sister Mohini; Counsel General of India, Mr. Dinesh Bhatia; Councillor Anthony Perruzza; Mr. Satish Thakkar, Chairperson for The International Yoga Day; and Mr. Minhas, Ex-School Board Trustee.



Councillor Anthony Perruzza receiving a gift from Sister Mohini