

# MULTICULTURAL AND DIVERSITY NEWSLETTER

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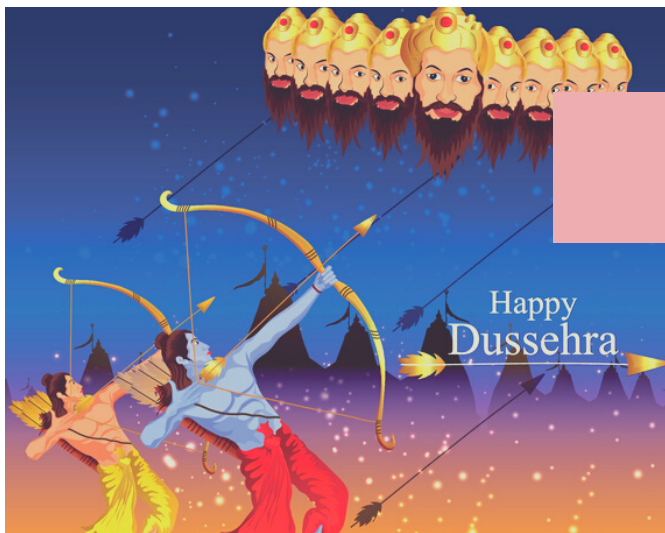


## DURGA PUJA (HINDU)

*Oct 3- This day celebrates the divine creative force of the universe and honors the 10-armed goddess Durga, wife of Shiva, and the destroyer of the demons.*

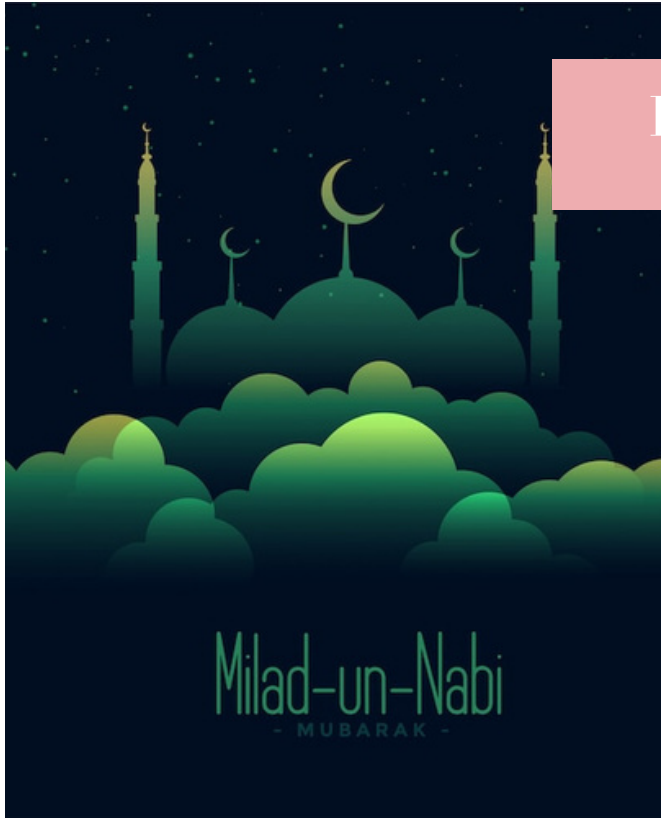
## CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL (CHINA, HONG KONG, AND TAIWAN)

*Oct 4- Families visit the graves of their ancestors. It is also known as Double Ninth Festival. It is observed on the ninth day of the ninth month in the Chinese Calendar.*



## DUSSEHRA OR VIJAYA DASHAMI (HINDU)

*Oct 5- Dussehra means 'the tenth' and celebrates the triumph of Lord Ram over the demon Ravan who stole his wife Sita. The great hindu epic poem, the Ramayana, is read and enacted, called Ram Lil. A big effigy of Ravan is burnt accompanied by fireworks.*



## EID-MAULAD-un-NABI (ISLAM)

*Oct 9- This day is the anniversary of the birth of Prophet Muhammad. Some Muslims mark this occasion by special prayers, whilst other Muslims may mark the occasion by dedicating more time to reading Quran.*

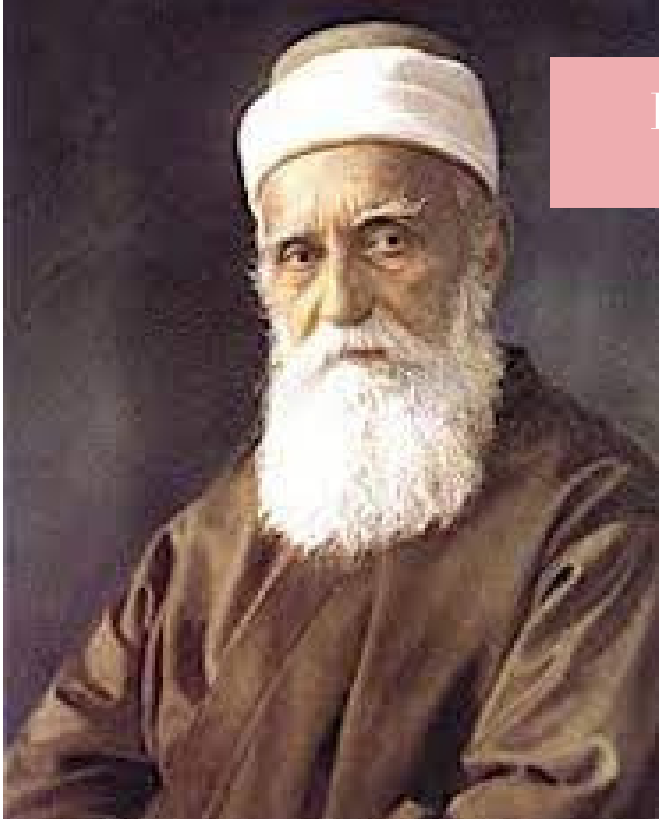
## THANKSGIVING (CANADA)

*Oct 10- Early Canadian settlers gave thanks for good harvests by decorating their churches with fruits and vegetables and celebrated dinner with vension and waterfowl.*



## KARVA CHAATH (HINDU)

*Oct 13- A one-day fast kept by married Hindu women for the well-being and longevity of their husbands. The husbands feed the first bite to their wives only after they see the moon.*



## BIRTHDAY OF THE BÁB (BAHÁ'Í)

*Oct 18- Born Siyyid 'Ali Muhammad in Southwestern Iran in 1819. His title, in Arabic, means 'The Gate'. Work is suspended and Bahá'ís come together for prayers and festivities.*

## BIRTH OF BAHÁ'U'LLÁH' (BAHÁ'Í)

*Oct 19- Born Mirza Husayn 'Ali into one of the leading noble families of Persia in 1817. His name is a title, in Arabic, meaning 'The Glory of God'.*



## DIWALI (SIKH AND HINDU)

*Oct 24- This festival is also known as 'The Festival of Lights'. It lasts for five days.*





## HALLOWEEN (CANADA AND USA)

*Oct 30- This tradition goes back to the Celtic people 2000 years ago who celebrated their New Year in late autumn and honoured Samhain or Lord of the Dead.*

## References

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