

Looking Back

Moving Forward



Iranian American
Jewish Federation

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Greetings from Susan Azizzadeh, IAJF President

"This is your Federation"

A Night of Fundraising to Benefit Emergency Fund



*"Whoever has a bountiful eye
will be blessed, for he shares
his bread with the needy".*

Since the inception of the Iranian American Jewish Federation, our community has relied on the financial assistance that is given to the needy. Emergency Fund continues to provide assistance to our community for their shelter, rental subsidy, medical, dental, legal, educational and mental health expenses.

This is only possible with the generosity and openness of philanthropists and supporters like you. We cordially invite you to join us on Wednesday March 11, 2015 at 7:00 pm for an unforgettable night at the Federation-Neman Hall, appreciating our good fortune and give to those who are needy.

Please call the office to reserve your seats.

(323) 654-4700

Persian American Women's Conference



"Our journey is one of sisterhood and positive regard. Our mission is to explore, our vision is to inspire, and our common bond is to unconditionally support all women"

On March 26, 2015, we honor and appreciate a selected number of inspiring women who will discuss their triumph and challenges.

Join us at UCLA Anderson-School of Business

Amy Elaine Wakeland, First Lady of LA
Davar Ardalan, NPR Senior Producer
Tina Hay, CEO of Cardblanc
Daniela Hekmat, Entrepreneur
Parisa Khosravi, Former, VP at CNN
Sheila Nazarian Mobin, MD, Plastic Surgeon
Shirin Salemnia, Founder, Whiz Girls Academy
Tannaz Sassooni, Golden Globe Winner and Oscar Nominee
Hon.A.Ashley Tabaddor, Immigration Court

**For Tickets and Sponsorship: Please go to
PAWC-LA.org - or Call (323) 654-4700**

Nowruz Pirouz-Harrooz Nowruz



Coinciding with the Spring Equinox, we celebrate the rebirth of the earth, our friendships and love for family and community. One of 9 ethnic groups consisting of 70 million people in the world, Iranians commemorate this special occasion for 13 days starting on March 20th 2015 at 3:45 PM.

On Behalf of Mr. Manouchehr Nazarian, Chairman of Board of Directors, Mrs. Susan Azizzadeh, President, the Executive Board, staff and volunteers at the Iranian American Jewish Federation, we send you our best wishes for a healthy and joyful Nowruz. May the colors of the blossoms brighten your days with rejoicing the arrival of the SPRING.

AMCHA Initiative



It was our pleasure to introduce AMCHA Initiative, a thought provoking discussion on January 13, 2015 at the Iranian American Jewish Federation. AMCHA is a Hebrew word meaning “Your People”. A nonprofit organization, AMCHA is dedicated to investigating, documenting, educating about, and combating Anti-Semitic behavior on college and university campuses in America. It also organizes and carries out campaigns to address campus Anti-Semitism through communicating with university, state, and Federal leaders about the problem and possible solutions. This meeting was an opportunity to discuss AMCHA’s activities and achievements with the founder, Dr. Leila Beckwith a board member of the California Association of Scholars for Peace in the Middle East. Ms. Tammi Rossman Benjamin, Cofounder and Director of AMCHA Initiative and author of articles about academic anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism in national colleges was the featured speaker.

For more information on AMCHA Initiative, check out their website <http://www.amchainitiative.org>

Combating Hate



A Message of Peace

Frank Ariel, a successful attorney in our community and a Social and Political Activist addressed the congregants at Beth El Synagogue on Feb 21, discussing the history of Anti-Semitism and Hate in the world. Mr. Ariel indicated that while we need to stand firmly for our rights as individuals, protect our heritage, culture and religion practices and most of all, our spiritual land, we need to extend our hands in friendship to our neighbors. He believes that having been subject to inequality, we as a community have to embrace kindness, tolerance and acceptance. Ignorance has to change by education and examples. We follow humanitarian rules of Justice and love to all. Mr. Ariel expressed hope that we would live in a world that the color of skin, religion practice and nationality would not be the cause for differences and hatred but enhancing lives.

Beth El Synagogue

Affiliated with the Iranian American Jewish Federation invites the community to join us every Saturday morning at 9:00 am for meaningful and spiritual Shabbat Services.

Special thanks to our friends and supporters...

Our warm and heartfelt gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Parviz Nazarian for donating a valuable painting of Moses to IAJF.

Dr. & Mrs. Ruben Melamed have generously donated a fund of \$ 300,000.00 to Cedars-Sinai Hospital following their generous contribution of \$500,000.00 last year. This fund was donated to Samuel Oshin Comprehensive Cancer Institute for cancer research.