

Israel Jewish Women's Organization



Celebration of  
**FESTIVAL OF  
LIGHTS**

BEVERLY HILLS HOTEL

2019

ART BY GITY BARKHORDAR



## سازمان بانوان یهود ایرانی

جشن سالانه حنوکا و سنت زیبای روشن کردن شمع ها را برگزار می کند  
در این مراسم

### مهین دخت خرسندی

مادر نمونه و بانوی فرهیخته پیشگام

### گیتی معراج برخوردار

هنرمند نقاش و بانوی خیر بشردوست

### مینو ذهابیان کوتال

محقق شجره نامه های خانوادگی و نقاش طرح های صلح آمیز  
با اهداء جایزه "ملیحه کشفی" بجامعه معرفی میگردند

اجرای برنامه توسط هنرمند محبوب

### فریبرز داودیان

گرداننده برنامه

### زهرة لاله زاری

برنامه گزار رادیوی ششصد و هفتاد ای ام

### موزیک: دی جی لیلا

تاریخ: یکشنبه ۱۵ دسامبر ۲۰۱۹ ساعت ۱۱ صبح

پذیرایی: نهار کاشر رأس ساعت ۱۲ ظهر

### هتل بورلی هیلز

۹۶۴۱ بلوار سانست - بورلی هیلز

هدیه ورودی: ۱۵۰ دلار شامل حدود معافیت مالیاتی

لطفاً برای رزرو جا به کارت RSVP یا پشت این دعوتنامه مراجعه فرمایید



# **Iranian Jewish Women's Organization**

**Requests the Pleasure of your Presence  
at our Annual Celebration**

## **"The Festival of Lights"**

**Hanukkah Gala Luncheon**

**Honoring**

### **Mahindokht Khorsandi**

**A Matriarch and a Pioneer Educated Woman**

### **Gity Meraj Barkhordar**

**An Artist, Philanthropist and Advocate for Human Rights**

### **Minoo Zahabian Koutal**

**A Researcher of Family Genealogy and an Artist Focusing on Peace**

**with**

### **"Maliheh Kashfi Award, 2019"**

**Musical entertainment by**

**DJ Layla**

**Presentation by our internationally known artist**

**Fariborz David Davoodian**

**Mistress of ceremony from Radio 670 a.m.**

**Mrs. Zohreh Lalehzary**

**Sunday, December 15, 2019**

**Beverly Hills Hotel**

**9641 Sunset Blvd. Beverly Hills, CA 90210**

**Reception 11 AM to 12 Noon, followed by lunch & program**

**Dietary laws observed**

**\$150 per person, partially tax deductible**

**For more information and purchase tickets see the RSVP or the  
back page of this invitation**

# President: Shahla Zargarian Javdan

## Executive Board Members in Chronological Order of Service, Since 1976:

Mehri Ganjian Sinai	Soraya Hakim Mobin
Victoria Soufer Toubia	Farrokh Daizadeh Maddaha
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Nahid Pirnazar Oberman Ph.D	Jila Afshani Perry
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Minoo Zahabian Koutal	Lida Haghani Ebrahimian
	Navid Rabenou Malekmehr

## Presidents in Chronological Order Since 1976:

- 1) Toubia Haghani Karoubian\*
- 2) Nahid Pirnazar Oberman
- 3) Akhtar Morovati Hakim\*
- 4) Parvaneh Sahim Yousefzadeh
- 5) Maliheh Sapir Kashfi\*
- 6) Nahid Pirnazar Oberman
- 7) Mehri Ganjian Sinai
- 8) Aliza Taftian Halavi
- 9) Louise Mashioff Golshan
- 10) Mehry Pezeshk Tahery
- 11) Shahla Zargarian Javdan

\* deceased

Iranian Jewish Women's Organization honors the memory of:  
Shamsi Moradpour Hekmat (Senior Advisor), Akhtar Morovati Hakim,  
Maliheh Sapir Kashfi, Pouran Cohan Moghavem, and Toubia Haghani Karubian

### Objectives of Iranian Jewish Women's Organization:

The objective of this organization, in addition to its social, cultural and charitable Activities, has been to protect the dual identity of the Iranian Jewish community In Los Angeles, as well as to recognize the impact and role of Iranian Jewish Women in society.

**Purchase tickets on line at:**

**IJWO.org**

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**(310) 273-5851, (818)705-8367, (310) 860-9677**

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## **Mrs. Mahindokht Khorsandi**

Mrs. Mahindokht Khorsandi is the embodiment of motherly love by nurturing & supporting her children & grandchildren as well as by sharing her values and life experiences with the future generations via three exceptional books.

Mahindokht Khorsandi was born in Tehran, Iran into a loving, highly educated and influential family. In an era with many social and educational restrictions against women, Mahindokht transcended many barriers of her time. She was able to obtain good education and in that course of that education succeeded in memorizing countless Persian classical and Folk Poems, parables, sayings and idioms. Many years later some of these literary works would form the basis of her first book, "The Treasure of Happiness".

Mahindokht Married Dr. Azizollah Khorsandi, a prominent and well-respected physician in the community. The two of them became the proud parents of six children: Homa Rastegar, Rashel Esfandi, Dr. Hodayoun Khorsandi, Hamid Khorsandi (an engineer), Dr. Amin Khorsandi, and Minoo Faliv.

As a homemaker, Mahindokht preached and practiced the central role of loving and nourishing her family. Mahindokht's love forms the bedrock of the family unity and harmony. This foundation has helped the family endure and prosper despite the challenges and difficulties of immigration to the United States. Indeed, Mahindokht's optimism and experiences of starting a new life in a new culture inspired her third book entitled "Immigration". As a literary compiler and editor she strives to share her experiences and sentiments in poetry and prose.

In addition, she has compiled a book of proverbs and short stories entitled, "Hidden Secrets". Mahindokht's love as a mother and grandmother is still on display today. She is adored and cared for by her children, grandchildren, and is considered a sage in the family.

Mahindokht, we stand in loving amazement of your incredible devotion and sacrifice.

## Minoo Zahabian Koutal

Mrs. Minoo Zahabian Koutal was born in Tehran as the first child of Victoria and Moussa Zahabian. She has earned her B.A. degree in Economics from National University in Iran.

Minoo has dedicated decades of her life time doing research on family genealogy of two family trees starting from early 19th century, consisting of over 4000 names and nine generations. This book sheds light on many family relations and includes her researched articles and documents. Inspired by a lifetime global travel and education, Minoo has a prolific collection of over 130 paintings and collages focused on the theme of world PEACE and equality. Whatever she had an eye on; she related it to PEACE and painted about it. Some of her paintings are about anti-gun, ant-violence and anti-war.



In addition to supervising her two businesses of manufacturing women's apparel and a Subway franchise, Minoo has always enjoyed reading, painting, and participating in various social activities. The positions she has held in non-profit organizations throughout the years include: board member of Iranian Jewish Women's Organization, board member of the Advancement of Research in Myopathies (ARM), consultant to Center for Iranian Jewish Oral History (CIJOH), translating contributor to Chashm Andaz Magazine. She was selected to work on the election committee of Iranian American Jewish Federation in 2008.

As a board member of Iranian Jewish Women's organization, her major contribution since 1996, has been the compilation of the annual tribute books honoring the "Outstanding Iranian Women, with the Shamsi Hekmat Award". Minoo has also had a major role in the compilation of the booklet celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the establishment of Iranian Jewish Women's Organization in 2018. Minoo moved to Los Angeles with her husband George Koutal and her two children, Sandra and Sam, in the summer of 1978. She enjoys spending time with her beautiful grandchildren, Max, Karina, Sasha and Mikaela.

## Gity Meraj Barkhordar

Mrs. Gity Meraj Barkhordar is an artist, social activist, and long-time board member of the IJWO. An early feminist and a formidable advocate of education and independence for women, she is a mother of three, grandmother of eight, and matriarch of many. Born in Tehran to parents of Esfahani origin, Gity was one of eight children six sisters and two brothers. Gity's mom, Heshmat Meraj, is remembered for her charitable work and her many philanthropic contributions to the Jewish community in Iran.



Gity excelled at school and would undoubtedly have pursued an active career outside the home had she not met the handsome Francois Barkhordar. They were married in 1958 and went on to have three girls.

Gity's life in Iran was mostly devoted to raising her daughters to become independent, educated and, eventually, professional women. She did, however, continue her own studies as well. In 1977 she and Francois moved their family to Los Angeles where Gity began painting, first with Ostad Peyman and later with Shahin Mojtaba'i.

Gity has been one of the most valuable and active board members of the Iranian Jewish Women's Organization since 2005. Gity has provided almost all the art works of the organization, including all the invitations, publications and printing. Her enthusiasm, and generosity towards the Organization has been exemplary. Gity has donated her art works to other charitable organizations as well.

Gity's greatest aspiration has been to heal the world one broken heart at a time. Her daughters Janette Monfared, Gina Nahai, Gentile Farshadfar are all successful professionals.