



# **Iranian Jewish Women's Organization**

**Honors  
Accomplished Iranian Women**

**on the occasion of  
International Women's Month**

**With the  
“*Shamsi Hekmat Award*”**

**This Award is named after belated  
“*Shamsi Moradpour Hekmat*”  
A pioneer Iranian woman whose life was dedicated  
to education, social issues and women’s causes.**

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# Iranian Jewish Women's Organization

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### Who Served Over 2 Years

Parvaneh Sahim Yousefzadeh 1981-1983  
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## Presidents of Iranian Jewish Women's Organization

1. Toubia Haghani Karubian\* 1976-1978
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3. Akhtar Morovati Hakim \* 1980-1981
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5. Malihe Sapir Kashfi \* 1983-1987
6. Nahid Pirnazar Oberman 1987-1990
7. Mehri Ganjian Sinai 1990-1997
8. Aliza Taftian Halavi 1997-2003
9. Louise Mashioff Golshan 2003-2009
10. Mehry Pezeshk Tahery 2009-2015
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## Founders and First Board Members of Iranian Jewish Women's Organization

Shamsi Moradpour Hekmat \*  
Malihe Sapir Kashfi \*  
Flora Israel Afshani \*  
Toubia Haghani Karubian \*  
Mehri Gangian Sinai  
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Akhtar Morovati Hakim \*  
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**A message from the president of  
Iranian Jewish Women's Organization  
*Shahla Zargarian Javdan***

**Dear Distinguished Guests,**

**Iranian Jewish Women's Organization takes immense pride in celebrating the International Women's Month, by honoring four of our community's most distinguished personalities:**

**Retired Lieutenant Colonel, Dr. Nayereh Khankhanian, with outstanding Medical and Military accomplishments.  
Mrs. Anoosheh M. Oskouian, President & CEO ShipandShore, with outstanding Executive and communal accomplishments.  
Mrs. Judith Shofet Sidkoff, Esq., International Human Rights and Justice activist, and Philanthropist,  
Mrs. Elham Yaghoubian Delshad, Literary accomplishments , political & Human Rights activist , by bestowing upon them the prestigious "Shamsi Hekmat Achievement Award, 2019".**

**The history of Iranian Women is filled with stories of bravery, achievements and unsung heroism, both in the ancient and modern times. From far back as the biblical Queen Esther (Hadassah) of the Acheamenid era in the fifth century BC, and Kings Irandokht & Pourandokht the Sassanid women rulers of the Persian Empire in the 6<sup>th</sup> century C.E., to when Iranian women received the right to vote, and to more modern times when we have women like Sadigheh Dowlatabadi, a pioneer and most influential members of the feminist movement in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.**

**Later on we see Iranian women in academia such as Mahmonir Nafisi Professor and head of French Department at Tehran University, and many women in the field of medicine and related fields such as Dr. Azizeh Bral**

one of the first woman graduates of School of Pharmacy from Tehran University and today's honoree Dr. Nayerh Khankhanian the first minority Iranian Jewish woman to graduate from Medical school in Iran .

By the 1960's we see Women in Politics as members of the Cabinet such as Dr. Farokhroo Parsa, minister of Education, as well as the numerous female senators, and members of the parliament such as Mrs. Pari Abasalti. This list can go on naming social and communal, masters in Art and philanthropic activists, such as the founders of Iranian Jewish Ladies Organization. Founded in 1947, "Sazaman-e-Banooan" , headed by women like Mrs. Shamsi Hekmat in whose name this award is titled after, Mrs. Maliheh Kashfi and their incredible Board members such as the mothers of many of us present here today. Under the most unlikely situations, these pioneer women stood strong and fought with illiteracy, prejudices, and injustices against women. They educated, healed, battled, gave refuge to those who fled the Nazi regime, built orphanages, supported the neediest, and so much more, all in the era when women were not expected to do more than being homemakers.

Forty some years later (1976), although themselves as newcomers in a new and un-accustomed land, the members of Los Angeles chapter of IJWO , re-established and continued to pave the way for the future generations And 71 years later they are still working hard with much passion and love.

Today we stand tall with our heads up reminiscing our founders' brilliant minds, un-equivocal commitment, and with determination stronger than steel, who with community's treasured support did bettered their world.

71 years later, looking at a sea of community minded women leaders around us, we feel a great sense of satisfaction to know our founders are looking down with peace and satisfaction, seeing how incredibly well the next generation of women, whom they fought for, have come along.

May the guiding light held in our logo, continue to shine and lit the way for more generations of women to come.



## The Iranian Jewish Women's Organization

### Mission Statement & Activities

The Iranian Jewish Women's Organization of Southern California (IJWO) was founded in Los Angeles in 1976. The root of this organization stems back to Iran, where the first chapter was founded in 1947.

The objective of the IJWO is 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. Since its inception, the IJWO has fulfilled its objectives by independently pursuing cultural, community, social and charitable activities.

The major activities of IJWO, which also serve as a source of our funding, consist of sponsoring educational and social events in observance of both Iranian and Jewish traditions for the preservation of our cultural and ethnic identity. Such events include seminars, lectures and celebration of Iranian and Jewish Holidays including, Nowruz, Hanukkah and Purim examples of our most recent activities and beneficiaries of our services include the following:

- The annual selection and presentation of the Shamsi Hekmat Award to *honor of high achieving and progressive women during the international month of women*. This event always coincides with celebration of Iranian New Year, Nowruz and Purim. The annual selection and presentation of the Maliheh Kashfi Award to *honor exemplary philanthropist of the year*. This event always coincides with the celebration of Hanukkah.

- Providing grants and financial aid, in collaboration with **Hebrew University in Jerusalem**, to faculty and **Iranian students** in the university since 1987. In 2014 IJWO was one of the major donors to set up Amnon Netzer Research Program at the Hebrew University to teach and pursue the unfinished works of the late Prof. Amnon Netzer, all on Iranian culture and Iranian Judaic literary works.
- Annual financial assistance to provide social life for the Iranian Students of **UCLA and Los Angeles**, through UCLA's Yitzhak Rabin Hillel Center for Jewish Life.
- Financial assistance toward the construction of a new building for **UCLA's Yitzhak Rabin Hillel Center for Jewish Life**.
- An endowment for the establishment of a scholarship program for female students at **Hebrew University** in honor of the late **Shamsi Hekmat**.
- An endowment for the establishment of a scholarship/grant program for the students of **Netanya University** in honor of the late **Mussa Kermanian**.
- Financial support for the compilation of **Encyclopedia Iranica** which is documenting our Iranian heritage.
- Annual financial aid to **Bikur Cholim Hospital** in the heart of Jerusalem, as a major donor and facilitator, providing medical and health care for the residents of Jerusalem.
- Ever since this hospital has been merged with Shaare Zedek Hospital, our annual support has been continued to their joint venture.
- **Preventative solutions** to problems arising from and relating to the **Get (Jewish divorce)** and **Agunah** (women whose marriages are suspended or have been legally terminated in civil court, but not dissolved according to legal Jewish law). Working with Ima Cultural Foundation of New York and the support of the Iranian Rabbinic Council of California we have come up with the development of a pre-nuptial agreement, *halakhically* not in conflict with the *Ketubah*.

- *Educational seminars and classes* for our young women and mothers as well as *artistic and academic celebration* for our youth include the major activities of the extended chapters of IJWO.
- In celebration of our Iranian heritage and in recognition of the humanitarian vision of Cyrus, by Farhang Foundation, IJWO has paid her due financial support to set up the Freedom Statue. This statue was set up in one of the main cross roads of Century City.
- Financial support of other active humanitarian organizations in their efforts.
- Annual donations to IAJF's Emergency Fund.



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### **Board Member of Iranian Jewish Women's Organization**

**Sitting left to right: 1. Mehry Pezeshk Tahery, 2. Parvin Hakim Benarosh, 3. Badieh Hakim Hakim 4. Shahla Zargarian Javdan , 5. Victoria Soufer Toubia, 6. Aliza Taftian Halavi, 7. Nahid Pirnazar Oberman 8. Louise Mashioff Golshan**

**Standing left to right: 1. Gity Merage Barkhordar, 2. Farrokh Daizadeh Maddahi, 3. Zohreh Akhavan Lalezari, 4. Shahla Mashioff Nikraves, 5. Shahin Hakim Eshaghoff, 6. Soraya Hakim Mobin, 7. Eshrat Rofeh Soumekh, 8. Nized Yadegar Khalili, 9. Lida Haghani Ebrahimian, 10. Minoo Zahabian Koutal, 11. Shahnaz Faryabi Nassir, 12. Jila Afshani Perry**



گروهی از اعضای هیأت مدیره سازمان ۱۹۶۳  
 از راست به چپ: اشرف نعیم - طوبی پورات - محترم قدیشاه - ملیحه کشفی - عزت منتخب - طوبی سومخ - توران عافار -  
 ایران مرادف - ملوک زرگریان - بدور منشه - استر موره - شمسی حکمت

**Some of the Board Members - 1963**

From right to left: Ashraf Naim, Touba Pourat, Mohtaram Ghadishah, Maliheh Kashfi, , Ezat Montakhab, Touba Soumekh, Touran Afar, Iran Moradoff, Molouk Zargarian, Bodour Maneshi, Ester Moreh, Shamsi Hekmat

**Board members of the Iranian Jewish Ladies Organization of Iran in Tehran from 1947 to 1978**

Shamsi Hekmat Moradpour  
 Maliheh Sapir Kashfi  
 Iran Hay Moradoff  
 Ester Moradoff Moreh  
 Touran Dardashti Afar  
 Mohtaram Dardashti Ghadishah  
 Ezatmolok Safani Montakhab  
 Touba Kimaibakhsh Soumekh  
 Ashraf Hebron Naim  
 Touba Dardashti Pourat  
 Molouk Asheghian Zargarian  
 Monireh Kukhabi Nehmadi  
 Naima Natan Cohen

Maliheh Tabibi Nemanim  
 Pouran Toufer Nazarian  
 Rebecca Sherafatkah Zerobabeli  
 Mahin Ebrami Etessami  
 Rachel Mirarjomand Pirnazar  
 Parvin Hakim Banaresh  
 Mahin Soumekh Kamran  
 Flora Israel Afshani  
 Victoria Natan Rahbar  
 Molouk Rabban Rahimzadeh  
 Azizeh Zahabian Nehoray  
 Mahlagha Kashfi Rastegar  
 Mahin Levioldin Sherfatkhah



## *Past Honorees*

*1996*



Farah Laaly Hekmat, M.D.



Lailee Bakhtiar, M.D.



Juliette Fahimian Tehranim M.B.A.



Homa Partovi

*1997*



Minou Soomekh Michlin, Ph.D.



Fariba Ghodsian Fischel, Ph.D.



Avidah Zakhor Sanders, Ph.D.

*1999*





## *Past Honorees*

2000



Minou Bina, Ph.D.



Mahvash Navazesh D.M.D.

2001



Alaleh Kamran Shoa, J.D.



Sharon Baradaran, Ph.D.



Nazila Shokrian Barlava, Esq.

2002



Katia Zarnegar Shenassa, B.S.



Maryan Broukhim M.D., FACS



Firouzeh Manesh Javidzad, D.D.S.



## *Past Honorees*

*2003*



*Guita Rahbar Fouladian, M.D.*



*Morjan Keypour Greenblatt, Ed.M.*



*Devorah Nazarian Moussazadeh, M.D.*

*2004*



*Soraya Iloulian Ross, M.D.*



*Nadia Adhami, M.Sc.*



*Claudia Mikail, M.D., M.P.H.*

*2005*





## *Past Honorees*

*2006*



Farideh Dayanim Goldin, M.A., M.F.A.



Poupak Kermani, B. Eng., M.Sc.A



Laura Levy Merahe, M.A.

*2007*



Gina Barkhordar Nahai, M.A., M.F.A.



Farnaz Halavy Galdjic, Psy.D.



Dorit Halavy Miller, Psy.D.



Melinda Hakim Cohan, M.D.

*2008*



Farideh Sabi Golbahar, Artist



Michelle Melamed



Kathy Melamed



Lisa Aziz-zadeh, Ph.D.



## *Past Honorees*

**2009**



*Mrs. Katherine Golbahar Merage*

**2010**



*Mojgan Moghadam Rahbar*



*Dr. Azadeh Farin Wald*



*Galeet Dardashti, Ph.D.*

**2011**



*Pamela Golchet, M.D.*



*Shilla Halavi Hekmat*



## *Past Honorees*

*2012*



*Diana Nassim Afari, M.F.C.C., Ph.D.*



*Shahla Kayvanfar Melamed, Pharm.D*

*2013*



*Guita Balakhane, MD*



*Shahla Kohanzadeh Yousefzadeh, MD*



*Shulamit Nazarian, Gallery Owner & Director*

*2015*



*Zohreh Mizrahi, Esq.*



*Farnoush Ram*



Iranian Jewish Women's Organization



## Past Honorees

2016



*Sheila Nazarian Mobin, M.D., MMM*  
Board Certified Plastic Surgeon  
Assistant Professor of USC



*Shirin Laor-Raz Salemnia*  
Founder & CEO, Playwerks; Founder & CEO,  
WhizGirls Academy



*Mrs. Hoori Sadler*  
Philanthropist, Founder of PACI, Cancer Research Advocate  
CEO of Dr. Steven Sadler Medical Group

## 2017



**Pari Abasalti Mirhashem**



**Soraya Sara Nazarian**



# *Iranian Jewish Women's Organization*

## *Salutes*

*The four distinguished recipients  
Of  
Shamsi Hekmat Award, 2019*

*Lieutenant Colonel  
Nayereh Khankhanian, MD*

*Anooheh M. Oskouian*

*Judith Shophet Sidkoff, Esq,*

*Elham Yaghoubian Delshad*

**Who have enhanced the image of Iranian Women**



**Dr. Nayereh Khankhanian**  
**Lieutenant Colonel**



Dr. Nayereh Khankhanian was born in Tehran, Iran where she passed her Tehran University Medical School competitive entrance exam in 1963 and graduated with an MD degree in 1970.

Nayereh migrated to America in 1971, where she started her internship program at Albert Einstein Medical Center. Following her internship, she completed her residency and fellowship in Surgical Pathology, with a subspecialty in Tumor Pathology, at the University of Texas. Dr. Khankhanian obtained her Certification of American Board of Surgical Pathology in 1978, coinciding with the Islamic Revolution in Iran, at which point Dr. Khankhanian chose to stay in the U.S. She joined the United States Army as an active duty medical officer, with the rank of Major.

Dr. Khankhanian was appointed as the Director of the Residency Program at D. David Eisenhower Army Medical Center. In the course of 25 years, she served active duty, as well as Army Reserve, and continued her medical employment at the VA Medical Center and as Associate Professor of Surgical Pathology at Medical College of Georgia. In 1988 she was promoted to the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

In 1990, her Reserve Unit was called up to active duty for the Persian Gulf War, Desert Shield/Desert Storm. She served along with 600 Army Physicians and 400 Nurses at Eisenhower Hospital. From 1992 to 2003, her unit was transferred to Madigan Army Medical Center, Fort Lewis, Washington State.

Dr. Khankhanian retired as Lieutenant Colonel Army Medical Corp in 2003. From 1991 until 2011, she worked at Kaiser Permanente Medical Group as a Senior Partner and as the co-chair of its Surgical Pathology Department. Following her retirement in 2011, she has been working, part time, at Kaiser Permanente as X-Partner Emeritus.

Dr. Khankhanian has been serving as chair of the board of Hebrew Discovery Center, a nonprofit organization, since 2007. She is a board member of Operation Blanket of Love, a nonprofit organization that helps rescue homeless animals, and addresses the needs of animal shelters. Dr. Khankhanian is a member of Hippocrates Circle Organization, mentoring public school students who tour the Kaiser Permanente hospital and has also served on many committees, including the Kaiser Permanente Cancer Committee, Kaiser Permanente Women Physician Committee, Kaiser Permanente Leon Cohen Physicians Award Committee, and serving as the co-chair of the Surgical Pathology Users Committee.

Lieutenant Colonel Khankhanian is the recipient of several Military, Civilian and Medical Awards. For the past 40 years, she has been practicing surgical pathology in the field of cancer diagnosis, by performing fine needle aspiration on superficial masses, lumps and bumps. After completing the procedure, she reviews the case and reports the results and final diagnosis to the primary care physician who in turn refers the patient to an oncologist for surgery.

Nayereh believes in “goodness and modesty”. She strongly believes in tradition, maintaining and enriching family and cultural roots, while embracing and respecting other cultures. She considers Iran as her birthplace, and the United States her permanent home. While she has fully assimilated to American culture, Dr. Khankhanian has not “melted” to the point of losing her roots and her own rich culture.” Her hope is to continue helping mankind in the field of cancer diagnosis, and wished to continue helping Jewish causes.

“There are two groups of people in the world: a few who *make* things happen, and those who *watch* things happen,” said Khankhanian. “I have been, and continue to be, in the first group: I make things happen.”

Dr. Khankhanian has been the author of numerous medical articles, abstracts and had many Poster Presentations at American and International scientific meetings. She is the co-author of “Adjuvant Immunotherapy and Chemoimmunotherapy in Colorectal Cancer of Dukes' C Classification,” published in 1975. In 1992, she co-wrote, “Exuberant Local Tissue Reaction to Intramuscular Injection of Steroid Compound in Sesame Seed Oil, Nandrolone Decanoate (Deca-Durabolin) Mimicking Soft Tissue Malignant Tumors: A Case Report and Review of the Literature,” and in 1995, Khankhanian authored “Pulmonary Arteriovenous Malformation Complicating Coccidioidal Pneumonia.”

Nayereh's message to the world, as affixed on the wall of her office, reads as:

### WINNERS VS LOSERS

The Winner	is always part of the answer.
The Loser	is always part of the problem.
The Winner	sees an answer to every problem.
The Loser	sees a problem in every answer.
The Winner	always has a plan.
The Loser	always has an excuse.
The Winner	says it may be difficult, but it is possible/doable.
The Loser	says it may be possible, but it is too difficult.
The Winner	says let me do it for you!
The Loser	says that is not my job!

Let us be a *Winner* and be part of the solution, be a problem solver, respect one another at any level, reach out and help anyone who needs it!





## **Anoosheh M. Oskouian**

**Environmental Advocate & Communal Activist**



“If you believe in yourself, if you believe in what you do, if you stand firm as to what you want to do and achieve – then no one can ever stop you, and no one can ever get in your way.” In a recent speech given at the United Nations, Anoosheh Oskouian tells a group of young girls the secret to her success. This philosophy of standing firm and staying true is one she follows every day as the President & CEO of a multi-million-dollar environmental company, but has been her mantra since her childhood days growing up in Iran.

Born and raised in Tehran, Iran, Anoosheh Oskouian found her calling to do great things at the age of 14. With the support of both her parents, Oskouian left her homeland and family behind to pursue a higher education in America. In a recent Los Angeles Times article, Oskouian reveals her mother’s advice: “Do not ever let anybody tell you that you cannot do it just because you are a girl.” Fueled by a thirst to defy all limitations and overcome any obstacles, Oskouian

eventually earned her B.S. in Chemical Engineering at the University of Colorado. Being one of the few women in such a male-dominated field, Oskouian became a prodigy early on.

Anoosheh pursued graduate school while working at Fluor Daniel, a leading engineering and construction firm. As a project engineer, she worked on nuclear, chemical, and petrochemical projects. Her continued experience and achievements at Fluor Daniel gave her the necessary foundation and confidence to establish herself as one of the few women in the air pollution control industry. After leaving Fluor Daniel, Oskouian began to work for Ship & Shore Sheet Metal, a small fabrication company that would later become a global corporation. Empowered at such a young age to prove that women had no limitations, entering the male-dominated field of pollution control came naturally. Destined to be a leader, Oskouian was eventually presented with the opportunity to take over the sheet metal company.

In the fall of 2000, Anoosheh Oskouian along with John Von Bargen, the current Vice President of Engineering, co-founded Ship & Shore Environmental. With their in-depth process knowledge and engineering expertise, Oskouian and Von Bargen established a solid foundation for designing superior, innovative, and efficient pollution control equipment, as well as reliable technologies for manufacturing companies.

As the only Iranian female CEO in the environmental industry, Oskouian constantly faced countless obstacles, including meetings where men assumed she was the assistant or secretary. These instances only motivated her further. In a *Plastics News* article, Oskouian says, “a woman should trust in her skills and know her material, and if you are able to talk the talk and walk the walk, you will be able to break any barriers fairly quickly after the meeting starts.”

Almost 20 years since its formation, Ship & Shore Environmental is now one of the leading pollution control companies. As the President and CEO, Oskouian directs the corporate strategy for engineering, product development, sales, and fabrication. She believes there is a balance between keeping the manufacturing industry alive and keeping the environment clean. As a leader in the industry, she is a first in many professional endeavors, setting new standards, implementing new ideas, and constantly thinking of ways to offer innovative solutions for clean air. As a result, Ship & Shore has received numerous awards and has been recognized for its many clean air and sustainability initiatives. Serving as a Best Available Control Technology (BACT) committee member of Southern California Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), Oskouian has helped with the development of rules and regulations for the industry. Oskouian is also a member of several industry trade organizations including Flexible Packaging Association (FPA), Flexographic Technical Association (FTA), Western Plastics Association (WPA), and Western States Petroleum Association (WSPA). In an effort to educate young engineers, Oskouian is also a member of UC Irvine’s School of Physical Sciences Dean Leadership Council and the UC Irvine’s Executive Roundtable.



The combination of Oskouian's unique story, her success, and her philosophy on life has created a buzz. People recognize that she is a lesson ready to be taught and a voice that is necessary to be heard in this world. Oskouian and her environmental company have been featured on several renowned publications including *The Los Angeles Times*, *CNN Money*, *Bloomberg*, *Plastics News*, *Los Angeles Business Journal*, and more. In 2015, she was esteemed the Ellis Island Medal of Honor. In 2017, she was named National Association of Women Business Owner (NAWBO) "Business Owner of the Year" and was voted as the Top 100 "Most Influential People" in the *Orange County Register*. She has been a guest speaker at several conferences including Plastics News Women Breaking the Mold Conference and USC's Global Energy Network Distinguished Speaker series.

However impressive her portfolio may be, Oskouian uses her earned spotlight to shed a light on those who need it the most. Her need to make a positive impact on the environment and the world extends into other aspects of her life. Oskouian is a philanthropist at heart and has been extremely involved within her community. Having served on the board of the Orange County Community Foundation for 9 years, Oskouian brought awareness to the various needs in her surrounding community

"Helping children and those in need achieve their highest potential and never fall behind through a proper education has always been my passion," says Anoosheh. She is one of the co-founders of Children's Hope (CHILD), involved with CASA foster care efforts, an honorary member of the Girl Scouts of Orange County, as well as a mentor to the Global Girls G.L.O.W. As a proud Iranian-American with a strong affection for her roots, she has been active in organizations including the Farhang Foundation, the Iranian American Women Foundation (IAWF), and serves on the board of Pacific Symphony in Orange County where her goal of building a bridge between eastern and western classical music is coming to fruition.

Anoosheh and her husband, Alan Oskouian, own a home on the Newport Coast with their 14-year-old son, Rod. When she is not running her global corporation or helping the community, Oskouian is either hitting the gym, going to the symphony, or simply spending time with her lovely family. "I strongly believe that each person plays a major role in creating their own destiny. Believing in myself, my own strength, and my abilities, gives me the encouragement to take strides on unpaved roads," says Anoosheh.





**Judith Shofet Sidkoff Esq.**  
**International Human Rights and Justice**  
**Advocate**



Born in Los Angeles, California in 1981, she is the eldest of four children born to loving parents Abraham and Nora Eshaghpour Shofet. As one of seventeen grandchildren to Hakham Yedidia, of blessed memory, a devotion to continued learning and the importance of giving back were fundamental aspects of her upbringing. She was also blessed to be surrounded by strong, progressive women role models. The regularity with which countless relatives united for Shabbat dinners, or for no reason at all, instilled in her from a young age the value of keeping one's family close.

After attending Sinai Akiba Academy and Beverly Hills High School, Judith worked towards a bachelor's degree in History and a minor in English at UCLA, eventually

graduating summa cum laude. Having spent her junior year in Florence studying Italian language and history, she was inspired to return to Italy once more.

She spent the following year working at as a political intern at the US Embassy to the Vatican. She collaborated with papal nuncios to discuss strategies to combat human trafficking and forced migration. She helped organize a high-profile musical concert to celebrate religious tolerance. She also assisted the Minister Counselor of Public Affairs in monitoring Italian media for US image treatment.

Following her stint in Rome, Judith continued her studies at Harvard Law School. Her curriculum maintained an international slant, with courses like Foreign Relations Law and Counter-Terrorism Policy. While a law student, Judith spent a summer volunteering in Buenos Aires, Argentina at Unidos Por La Justicia, a non-profit organization committed to improving access to justice for the disenfranchised.

After earning her juries doctorate degree, Judith moved to New York City to begin her litigation practice at Proskauer Rose LLP. Within a year, she was recognized with a Golden Gavel Award for her commitment to pro bono work, having represented a class of vulnerable adults suffering abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation in a class action lawsuit. Judith was also honored by SHAI, the Sephardic Heritage Alliance Inc., for outstanding academic and professional achievement .

While in New York, she literally bumped into her future husband, Chad Sidkoff at 80's-themed Purim party. Within a year's time, the charming Philadelphia native took a leap of faith and moved to Los Angeles to rebuild his real estate practice in order to be with Judith, who had always planned on returning to be closer to her family one day.

Since resettling in Los Angeles, she has been practicing law at what is now the world's largest law firm, Dentons. As Senior Managing Associate, she represents clients across multiple industries, including insurance, real estate, manufacturing, sports, and technology. She has litigated complex commercial disputes involving international contracts, intellectual property, policy coverage, defamation, and false advertising in state and federal court. She has extensive class action experience and a strong track record of resolving matters in the earlier stages of litigation.

She remains committed to pro bono work, and has undertaken a number of asylum cases in coordination with Public Counsel Law Center. She is currently representing a mother and her teen son who fled El Salvador due to gang violence and the fear that the son would have been either recruited or killed by gang members had they stayed. The experience is a meaningful one, with implications far more impactful and immediate than traditional business litigation.

She also volunteers at the Learning Rights Legal Law Center, a nonprofit organization that advocates on behalf of disabled and disadvantaged children in the public education system.

Judith spearheads the Los Angeles office's annual Service Initiative, responding to the needs of the greater community. She oversaw the office-wide collection and donation of much needed items to support victims of Hurricane Harvey and the NorCal fires. She also organized her firm's participation in the LA Mission Adopt a Meal program, preparing Thanksgiving dinner for the local homeless population.

She also serves on Dentons' Women LEAD committee, which aims to foster an environment that supports women leaders within and beyond the firm through a combination of business development programs, mentoring, and networking events.

She has served two terms on the Young Lawyers Division Advisory Board for the Association of Business Trial Lawyers. She is an associate mentor and a peer parent, helping new mothers transition back to work after maternity leave and offering an empathetic ear, knowing full well how difficult it can be to attempt to strike a balance between work and family.

After all, it is family that has made everything worth pursuing. Judith and Chad's proudest accomplishments are their two spirited, sweet-natured sons. Clever, inquisitive Lev, age 5, is a natural artist with an ear for music, and a unique fondness for Maestro Dudamel. Max, almost 4, is innately generous, quick to forgive, a risk-taker, and can tell you all about the first chimpanzee in space. As a family, they enjoy exploring the many museums and nature trails Los Angeles has to offer, playing Uno, and barely making it to school on time.

To unwind, Judith enjoys crossword puzzles and is a voracious reader; she particularly enjoys historical fiction set during World War II. She maintains her love for international travel, and is looking forward to future adventures as her little ones grow. She hopes to impart to her children a sustained curiosity and appreciation that the world is much bigger than the place you grew up.

In the meantime, she continues to strive to be an advocate on behalf of those who have suffered injustice, those whose voices might have been stifled or ignored. She encourages her peers to recognize the strength of their own voice and the change it can bring.

She is grateful for the boundless love and support of her parents, her husband, and family.





## **Elham Yaghoubian Delshad**

**Writer, Political and Human Rights Activist**



Elham Yaghoubian – writer, translator, political and human rights activist – was born in Tehran, to Soraya Menasheh, a supportive mother with a love of literature and culture, and to Loghman Yaghoubian, a philanthropist and active member of the Iranian Jewish community in Tehran. Both her parents significantly encouraged Elham’s professional and literary future, and continue to be her unconditional supporters.

Elham wrote her first novel, *Daryāye Khamūsh* (“The Silent Sea”), at the age of sixteen (published in Tehran in 1992), after which she was recognized as the first Iranian-Jewish female novelist in Iran. In 1996, she published her second successful novel, *Tondbāde Sarnevesht* (“Storm of Destiny”), focusing on the emotional aspects of a young woman in a suppressive and traditionally inclined society. The novel tackled subjects such as self-censorship and the

prohibition of self-expression. *Tondbāde Sarnevesht* was republished four times. She was later approached by an Iranian producer who wished to adapt this work into a screenplay, but after the government censored her books without permission, she decided to decline this request.

Her third novel, *Ashk-e Sham* ("Tears of the Candle"), was published in 1999 right before she left her homeland. *Ashk-e Sham* portrayed an allusion to the social dilemmas of women in contemporary Iranian society, plagued by misogyny and social discrimination. The novel was well received by Persian readers nationwide; however, due to its subject matter, it never received permission from the Ministry of Islamic Culture and Guidance to be republished.

Elham also translated the *Global Directory of Zoroastrian Fire Temples* by G. M. Jamshdji. Even though the book never received an official permission to be published in Iran, since 2011 it has been widely published and distributed incognito as an "underground translation," both in Tehran and in other cities. Since then, Elham continued to write numerous articles focusing on human rights, particularly women's rights, as well as religious and ethnic minority issues, both in English and Persian. Her papers are presented in publications such as Front Page Magazine, Gooya News, Bina, and Los Angeles Shofar magazine.

Besides her literary activity as a novelist, Elham was one of the founding members and head editors of the Jewish journal *Ofoghe-Bina*, whose mission – since its establishment in 1999 – has been to introduce Iranian Jewish communities to readers across the country and abroad. Through articles, reports, diary entries, and discussions on Judeo-Persian rituals and customs, *Ofoghe-Bina* has been elucidating the Iranian-Jewish community's culture, social heritage, and standpoint. Elham collaborated with this journal until her migration to the United States.

In 1998, Elham, with her journalist-peers, founded "*Marz-e Por Gohar*," (Iranians for a Secular Republic). This group, one of the first peaceful underground organizations in Iran, also led to the student uprising in July 1999. After the pro-democracy movement of July 1999, and the arrest of her colleagues, Elham was forced to leave Iran and move to Los Angeles. Elham, with a few of her peers from Iran who had also fled to Los Angeles, opened *Marz-e Por Gohar*'s office in Los Angeles in order to continue her pro-democracy activities. For more than a decade, under the pseudonym "Elham Aryana," she has been tirelessly working and meeting with policymakers to advocate for people in Iran. Her activities inspired Kenneth Timmerman, a political writer, activist, and the 2012 Republican U.S. Representative nominee for Maryland's 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. Timmerman based one of the main characters in his novel, *Honor Killing*, on a rebellious figure who fights against the theocratic regime.

Elham's publications and activism dealing with human rights violations, discrimination against minorities, the Iranian leadership's denial of the Holocaust, and anti-Semitic resentment among Iranian politicians, incited harsh verbal attacks from various radical Iranian newspapers and state-funded broadcasts, claiming Elham as a Zionist and an anti-revolutionary figure abroad.

Upon her arrival in Los Angeles, Elham started working as a counselor at the JVS, an agency at the American Jewish Federation tasked with helping refugees and immigrants build a new life in the United States.

In 2007, Elham was asked to consult a project by the California Army National Guard. For two years, she partnered with their Sacramento base as Cultural and Community Outreach Advisor, the only consultant based in Los Angeles.

Elham received her Bachelor degree in Foreign Language Translation from Tehran and, in 2008, and received her Master degree in International Relations at California State University, Los Angeles.



In 2008, with several of her like-minded friends, Elham started the non-profit organization *Iran-Israel Alliance of Nations (IRISAN)*. The mission of IRISAN is to help the two nations recognize one another and form an alliance in order to solve conflicts provoked by anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, and other political and social unrests, through compassionate and peaceful discussion.

Her love and passion for serving the community and promoting Iranian culture led Elham to serve as a board member for several non-profit organizations, including the West LA Chamber of Commerce, the Iranian-American Jewish Federation, B'nai B'rith Fariborz Fred Matloob, 7dorim, Iranian Jewish Oral History, and Friends of Westwood Library. Because of her dedication and commitment, Elham has received multiple certificates of recognition from councilmembers, congresswomen and state senators, such as the Certificate of Recognition from Herb J. Wesson, the President of Los Angeles City Council, Councilmember Paul Koretz, and Councilmember Mike Bonin; the Certificate of Recognition from the State Board of Equalization, Presented by Fiona MA; and the Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition from Congresswoman Karen Bass.

Today, Elham works as a research analyst for several non-profit organizations focusing on anti-Semitism and the Holocaust, while also managing *Tower of Babel*, the language service company she co-founded, which provides translation and tutoring services in over 35 languages.

Her forthcoming novel, *Be Range Banafsh* ( In the Color of Purple), focuses on minorities in Iran, and is slated for publication by the end of 2019.

Elham is adventurous and loves traveling to unknown destinations and learning about different cultures and histories. She enjoys horseback riding, hiking, reading and writing.

She is married to Dr. Farshid Delshad and they currently reside in Los Angeles.



Papercut in honor of the  
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ORGANIZATION

Presented by Hillel at UCLA at the Annual Gala  
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# DIAMOND PAGE



Dear Judith,

We congratulate you on being selected as a recipient of the “Shamsi Hekmat Award”, a well-deserved honor on the occasion of International Women’s Month.

While growing up, you were always an exemplary child to your parents, a guiding light to your siblings, and a source of inspiration to your friends. To see you as an adult, we truly love and cherish to see you as a devoted wife, a loving mother, and a dedicated professional.

We are not only proud of your accomplishments but are in awe of and inspired by the way you lead your life as a true “woman of valor”.

Your loving parents,  
Nora & Abe Shofet

# DIAMOND PAGE



**We celebrate Judith today and every day as an influential and successful Iranian Jewish woman, as well as an outstanding, supportive, and devoted wife and mother.**

**Thank you  
Iranian Jewish Women's Organization  
for recognizing and honoring**

**Judith Shophet Sidkoff, Esq.**

**in her many accomplishments, and for selecting her as a recipient of the Shamsi Hekmat Achievement Award for 2019.**

**Congrats Jude. We love you.**

**Your adoring family,**

**Chad, Lev and Max Sidkoff**

# GOLD PAGE



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*May your seeds be plentiful and  
your hands open, ready to give*

## *Congratulations*

*To the Recipients of the  
Shamshí Hekmat Achievement Award*

*&*

*Iranian Jewish Women's Organization  
Board of Directors*

We appreciate your devoted efforts and  
distinguished service to the  
Iranian Jewish Community

Wishing you continued success

Soraya, Younes Nazarian & family

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*To distinguish IJWO Honorees of 2019*

**Lieutenant Colonel, Dr. Nayereh Khankhanian,  
Mrs. Anosheh M. Oskouian,  
Mrs. Elham Yaghoubian Delshad  
Mrs. Judith Shopet Sidkoff, Esq.**

**Today by bestowing upon you the prestigious  
"Shamsi Hekmat Achievement Award, 2019"**

**Here and together we applaud  
Your professionalism, your talent,  
your perseverance, your passion  
for always extending a helping hand,  
your energy and your incredible  
accomplishments.**

**You have made us proud!**

**Dr. Parviz & Mrs. Shahla Javdan  
Mona Javdan**

# SILVER PAGE



**CONGRATULATIONS**

**To**

**LT. COLONEL**

**DR. NAYEREH KHANKHANIAN**

**Thanks**

**To**

**The Iranian Jewish Women's Organization**

**For this well-deserved honor and recognition**

**We are extremely proud of your numerous accomplishments as an outstanding Physician, as a High Ranking Army Officer, serving on several Committees, at Kaiser Permanente Medical Center, as a Chair of HDC Board, as a Board member of Operation Blanket of Love Organization, and for all your Support and Devotion for the Family and Community, and for your tremendous generosity, as a Mother, as a Sister, as an Aunt and as a Cousin**

**We are Truly Proud of You**

**The KHANKHANIAN Family**

# SILVER PAGE



## THE SINAI FAMILY

**Congratulates**

**Iranian Jewish Women's Organization**

**And**

**The distinguished 2019 Women of the year**

**And salutes**

**MRS. MEHRI SINAI**

**For her years of commitment**

**And**

**Devotion to IJWO**





# SILVER PAGE

Dentons is proud to congratulate  
Judith Shopet Sidkoff, Esq., and  
all the recipients of this year's Shamsi  
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**Dearest Jude,**

Your Character, integrity, honesty

And

Kindness,

is what is being honored today

Teach your children as well

Love you,

**Barbara, and Richard Sidkoff**



**Dear Judith,**

Congratulations on the well-deserved and timely honoring. We are so proud to call you our sister.

You have been a source of inspiration and guidance for your family, friends and our whole community. Although it was never your intention, you have helped pave the way for men and women in our community, proving that dedication, hard work, and will power lead to great achievements in life.

You carry yourself with poise and grace no matter what tasks you undertake and that has left a timeless impression on us all that we look to emulate.

You captivate us time and time again, with your sharp sense of humor, impressive academic achievements, stories from your years living abroad, and now growing into a supermom of two beautiful boys.

You have never ceased to amaze us, and now have us thinking - what will she do next?! We can tell you confidently, we are all on the edge of our seats waiting to find out!

We love you so much,

**Michelle, Dan, and Ben**



My Dear Judith,

Congratulations on this well deserved honor.

I am so proud of who you are and all your achievements. I admire your commitment to your family and profession.

I love you,

**Rachel Eshaghpour**



***Congratulations to  
2019 IJWO Women of the Year Honorees  
Judith Shophet SidKoff  
An International Human Rights Activist And  
Justice Advocate.***

***Lieutenant General Nayereh Khankhanian, MD  
An Accomplished Pioneer Woman,  
A Medical Doctor and A Senior Military Officer***

***Anoosheh M. Oskouian  
An Extremely Successful Young Self-Made  
Entrepreneur***

***Elham Yaghoubian Delshad  
an accomplished writer, political and human rights  
activist.***

***We salute you***

***Dr. Parviz & Mrs. Mehry Tahery  
Drs. Michael & Melody Taheri  
Dr. Daniel & Mrs. Elise Taheri***



*Nayereh Khankhanian, M.D.*

*Anoosheh M. Oskouian*

*Elham Yaghoubian Delshad*

*Judith Shopet Sidkoff Esq.*

*Four Iranian women whose personal accomplishments  
and dedication to humanitarian causes are greatly  
admired and cherished*

*Jeff & Nahid Oberman*



## ***Congratulations***

***To***

***Judith Shopet SidKoff***

***We applaud your achievements and your contributions to the  
community.***

***To***

***Lieutenant General Nayereh Khankhanian, MD***

***You are an outstanding role model for the future generation***

***To***

***Anoosheh M. Oskouian***

***Your dedication and commitment to the community is truly  
appreciated***

***To***

***Elham Yaghoubian Delshad***

***You are an asset to our Community***

***Louise and Jsmshid Golshan***



## ***Congratulations to***

***Lieutenant General Nayereh Khankhanian, MD***  
***On a life of incredible achievements in your medical and***  
***military accomplishments.***

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***Anoosheh M. Oskouian***  
***On a life of leadership and being pioneer in many***  
***aspects of life.***

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***Elham Yaghoubian Delshad***  
***On being an accomplished writer, political and human rights***  
***activist.***

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***Judith Shopet SidKoff***  
***on being international human rights activist and Justice***  
***advocate.***

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***You are all inspiration and role model to the future***  
***generation.***

***Minoo Zahabian Koutal***





*Congratulations*

*To*

*Iranian Jewish Women's Organization*

*And their*

*2019 Honorees*

*Judith Shopfeth Sidkoff Esq.*

*Nayereh Khankhanian, M.D.*

*Anoosheh M. Oskouian*

*Elham Yaghubian Delshad*

*You all deserve to be honored.*



**Congratulations**

**To our Dear Friend,**

**Elham Yaghoubian Delshad**

**On this well-deserved honor**

**As**

**Woman of the year And The recipient of the 2019**

**Shamsi Hekmat Achievement Award**

**Through**

**The Iranian Jewish Women's Organization**

**We are proud of your accomplishments**

**As**

**An Artist, Activist, Philanthropist**

**Wishing you continued success**

**With Love and Admiration,**

**Michell and Makan Delrahim**



EXTENDS OUR WARMEST  
**CONGRATULATIONS**

TO OUR VERY OWN  
**ANOOSHEH OSKOUIAN**  
*President & CEO, Ship & Shore Environmental*

FOR THE HONOR OF RECEIVING  
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And **Iranian Jewish Women’s Organization** Women of the Year

*Global impact begins in the community.  
Thank you for inspiring all women to rise above any limitations  
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*Congratulations*

*To*

*Judith Shophet Sidkoff*

*On this incredible honor and for all your achievements!*

*In honor of International Women's month we would  
like to thank all the women who continue to inspire us  
with their dedication, vision and strength*

*Parvaneh & Saeed Ghodsian*

*Susan & Ebbie Ghodsian*



## **Our Dearest Judith**

Congratulations on being chosen as this year's honoree.

You are an inspiration to us all and we are thrilled to share this special day with you.

We are proud of you and all your accomplishments in life and in the workforce and wish you health, happiness, and success alongside your beautiful family.

We love you

**Nadia Shervin Oliver and Evan Mateen  
Lauren and David Kanani**



***Congratulations***

***To  
Judith Shopet SidKoff***

***Lieutenant General Nayereh Khankhanian, MD***

***Anoosheh M. Oskouian***

***Elham Yaghoubian Delshad***

On your high achievements  
You all are an example for all of us and an asset to  
our community

**Mrs. Farokh Maddahi and family**



*Behind every successful organization  
Stands dedicated and selfless people*

**Congratulation to  
Dr. Nayereh Khankhanian**

Chairman of the Board of Directors of HDC

*Thank you for your commitment and strive to ensure a  
brighter future for our growing Jewish community and the  
empowerment of our youth.*

*We love you and admire your dedication to **Hebrew  
Discovery Center***

*With sincerest appreciation,  
Board of directors of HDC*

*Rabbi Netanel Louie*

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***Lieutenant Colonel, Dr. Nayereh Khankhanian,***

***Mrs. Anoosheh M. Oskouian,***

***Mrs. Elham Yaghoubian Delshad***

***Mrs. Judith Shopet Sidkoff, Esq.***

***My sincere congratulations to you on your  
recognition for your outstanding achievements.***

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March 31, 2019

**PAUL KORETZ**  
Councilmember, Fifth District

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Iranian Jewish Women's Organization ceremony celebrating International Women's Month. I am pleased to offer warm congratulations to this year's honoree, Elham Yaghoubian Delshad.

The mission of the Iranian Jewish Women's Organization is to promote contemporary Iranian-American Jewish Women in their professional and personal endeavors; to enhance their self-esteem and image by encouraging education, providing a network of resources and offering support; and, to document the long overlooked past accomplishments of Iranian Jewish women and ensure that their present and future achievements are recorded. I commend the outstanding work of this organization for its tremendous contributions and tremendous community service.

This year's honoree, Elham Yaghoubian Delshad, is indeed well-deserving of the 2019 Shamsi Hekmat Achievement Award. The City of Los Angeles salutes your instrumental leadership and commitment to fight against injustice and promote peace and friendship as a founder of "Iran-Israel alliance of Nations" and as a "West Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce" board of director.

The City thanks you for leadership and devotion which has made Los Angeles a better place in which to work and live. Thank you for your commitment to the Iranian Jewish Women's Organization and for your generosity.

I wish continued success to everyone in their future endeavors and please enjoy the evening.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Paul Koretz'.

**PAUL KORETZ**  
Councilmember, 5th District



**Congratulations.**

To

**Dr. Nayereh Khankhanian,**

on your well deserved honor and recognition and your continued dedication, contribution and kindness to the Jewish Community especially to our future generation. I hope the younger generation will follow in your footsteps.

You are truly a great source of pride and inspiration to the community.

Thank you for being an example of selflessness, charity and kindness for our entire community.

It is an honor being your friend.

**Fariborz Halimi.**



Congratulations to  
Shamsi Hekmat Award recipient

**Judith Shophet Sidkoff, Esq.**

for this well-deserved honor  
and to Nora & Abraham Shofet  
for raising such a woman of valor.

We commend you for your leadership,  
humanitarian and philanthropic spirit,  
and your commitment to  
women's causes and our  
community at large.

*Shirin and Shahrokh (Shaw) Shahery*



The Persian American  
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## **Persian American Women's Conference**

**Salutes**

**Iranian Jewish Women's Organization**

**On their celebration of the International Women's Month**

**And**

**Congratulates all this year's Honorees,**

**The recipients of  
Shamsi Hekmat Woman of the Year Award 2019**

**May they go from strength to strength**



## **Dr. Nayereh Khankhanian**

It's an honor to know and to be connected to you. Your generosity, spirit and love has touched and changed the lives of so many both in private and professional life.

Thank you for being you.

May Hashem continue bestowing his blessing upon you.

**Rabbi Netanel & Cippy Louie**



## ***Congratulations***

***To***

***Lieutenant Colonel, Dr. Nayereh Khankhanian,***

***Mrs. Anoosheh M. Oskouian,***

***Mrs. Elham Yaghoubian Delshad***

***Mrs. Judith Shopet Sidkoff, Esq.***

***Your contributions to the community is  
admirable.***

***Saiid & Soraya Afari***



***Congratulations***

***to***

***Lieutenant Colonel, Dr. Nayereh Khankhanian,***

***Mrs. Anoosheh M. Oskouian,***

***Mrs. Elham Yaghoubian Delshad***

***Mrs. Judith Shopet Sidkoff, Esq.***

***You are role models for our future generation.***

***Gity Meraj Barkhordar***





***Congratulations***

***To***

***IJWO 2019 distinguished honorees***

***Lieutenant Colonel, Dr. Nayereh Khankhanian,***

***Mrs. Anoosheh M. Oskouian,***

***Mrs. Elham Yaghoubian Delshad***

***Mrs. Judith Shopet Sidkoff, Esq.***

***Proud of your accomplishments and your  
achievements.***

***Lida Ebrahimian***



***Distinguished honorees***

***Lieutenant Colonel, Dr. Nayereh Khankhanian,***

***Mrs. Anoosheh M. Oskouian,***

***Mrs. Elham Yaghoubian Delshad***

***Mrs. Judith Shopet Sidkoff, Esq.***

***We salute you and proud of your  
Accomplishments***

***Dr. Eshagh & Mrs. Shahin Eshaghpour***



## ***Congratulations***

***To***

***Lieutenant Colonel, Dr. Nayereh Khankhanian,***

***Mrs. Anoosheh M. Oskouian,***

***Mrs. Elham Yaghoubian Delshad***

***Mrs. Judith Shophet Sidkoff, Esq.***

***For being selected as IJWO  
2019 Women of the year.***

***Eliza Halavi***



***Congratulations to accomplished  
women chosen as this year honorees  
&  
Recipient of***

***Shamsi Hekmat Award, 2019***

***You are role models for future generation.***

***Lieutenant Colonel, Dr. Nayereh Khankhanian,***

***Mrs. Anoosheh M. Oskouian,***

***Mrs. Elham Yaghoubian Delshad***

***Mrs. Judith Shophet Sidkoff, Esq.***

***Nized Khalili***



***Congratulations to our honorees***

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***Mrs. Elham Yaghoubian Delshad***

***Mrs. Judith Shopet Sidkoff, Esq.***

***pioneer Iranian women***

***Whose accomplishments***

***have made them role models and***

***sources of Inspiration for our younger***

***generation***

**Navid Rabenou Malekmehr**



***Congratulations***

***To***

***2019 IJWO Women of the Year***

***Honorees***

***&***

***Recipient of***

***Shamsi Hekmat Award,***

***We are extremely proud of all your***

***Accomplishments***

**Soraya Mobin**



*Best Wishes*

*To*

*Distinguished honorees*

*Lieutenant Colonel, Dr. Nayereh Khankhanian,*

*Mrs. Anoosheh M. Oskouian,*

*Mrs. Elham Yaghoubian Delshad*

*Mrs. Judith Shophet Sidkoff, Esq.*

*With admiration and respect for your  
achievements.*

*Shahnaz & Houshang Nassir*



*Congratulations*

*to*

*Judith Shophet Sidkoff Esq.*

*Nayereh Khankhanian, M.D.*

*Anoosheh M. Oskouian*

*Elham Yaghubian Delshad*

*You all deserve to be honored.*

*You are role model for the future generation.*

*Shahla and Victor Nikravesi*

*Tannaz and Andy Galkar*

*Payam Nilravesi*





***Congratulations***

***to***

***Lieutenant Colonel, Dr. Nayereh Khankhanian,***

***Mrs. Anoosheh M. Oskouian,***

***Mrs. Elham Yaghoubian Delshad***

***Mrs. Judith Shophet Sidkoff, Esq.***

***On joining the prominent rank of the  
distinguished women of***

***IJWO***

***Jila & Naim Perry***



***Congratulations***

***To***

***2019 IJWO Women of the Year***

***For this well-deserved honor***

***Being recognized to receive  
the "Shamsi Hekmat Award"***

***Encouraging our future generation  
To follow your footsteps and pursue their own  
dreams.***

***Eshrat Soumekh***



***Best Wishes to Honorees***

***Lieutenant Colonel, Dr. Nayereh Khankhanian,***

***Mrs. Anoosheh M. Oskouian,***

***Mrs. Elham Yaghoubian Delshad***

***Mrs. Judith Shopet Sidkoff, Esq.***

***You are true role models for  
our future generations.***

***Victoria Tobia***



***Salute***

***To***

***2019 IJWO Women of the Year***

***Honorees***

***&***

***Recipient of***

***Shamsi Hekmat Award,***

***We are extremely proud of all your***

***Achievements***

**Shimen Zakhor Claxton**



*Our Dearest Anoosheh Joon,*

*Congratulations on a well deserved honored.*

*We are very proud of you*

*and all of your*

*admirable accomplishments.*

*With all our love,*

*Haleh and Dariush*



Art By:  
Gity Meraj Barkhordar



**In honor**  
of  
**Dr Nayereh Khankhanian and Elham Yaghoubian Delshad**

Congratulations on your well-deserved recognition of your continued  
dedication and contribution to our community and Judaism.

We are so proud of you.

**Shirin, Shannen, Shahmir and Askarinam**

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**Blake and Joey Breslow**  
*are proud to support*  
**The Iranian Jewish Women's Organization**  
*And*  
**Judith Shophet Sidkoff, Esq.**  
*As*  
**2019 woman of the year**  
*And*  
**The recipient**  
*Of*  
**The "Shamsi Hekmat Achievement Award"**



**Dear Nayereh**

To the world  
You are

**Lieutenant Colonel Dr. Nayereh Khankhanian**

To us you are

An angel with kind heart, compassion, bravery, perseverance and above all  
Commitment to bettering the world

We are truly proud of you

Your loving Aunt & Uncle  
**Janet & Daryoush Chaman**

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Congratulations to

**Elham Yaghoubian**

Your dedication to your community, your tireless devotion to promote human  
rights and democracy in Iran and your ongoing fight against injustice are  
admirable.

I've known you for almost quarter of century.

We fought shoulder to shoulder against Islamic republic in Iran and now after two  
decades we are continue to work together to make Los Angeles a better place in  
which to work and live.

I'm proud to call you a friend Elham.

**Roosbeh Farahanipour**





## With gratitude to IJWO

In honor of the beloved philanthropist

## Dr Nayereh Khankhanian

In appreciation to your continuous selfless services  
to our community.

**Families of: Faribourz Lahijaniha , Shahram Nourian,  
Bahram Rabbani , Joseph Shayefar, Jacob Taban and  
Babak Younessi.**

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**Dr. Khankhanian** has dedicated her life by being a visionary and leader in the Jewish community. She perfectly emulates the age-old Jewish tradition of Tikkun Olam—acts of kindness performed to repair the world. Always putting the well-being of others before that of her own, **Dr. Khankhanian** is a truly compassionate and genuine person—Someone whom we should all try to emulate. To say that it is an honor just to know **Dr. Khankhanian** is an understatement. Beyond that, we are lucky to call her a dear friend to our family and the Jewish community as a whole.

With Love,  
**Rozita & Parviz Natanzi**



**Dear Judith**

Congratulations on receiving this recognition.

You continue to make us proud!

**Robin, Veronica, Leo, Alina and Liv Nazarzadeh**

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*Congratulation*

**Nayereh Joon**

*On your well-deserved honor.*

*I'm proud of you and blessed to be your friend.*

*Love,*

***Simin Louie***



**Judith,**

**Congratulations on your well-deserved honor!!**

**In addition to being a POWERHOUSE,  
you are hilarious, fun and a model for us all.**

**I' m lucky to have you as my supporter and friend. Lots of love,**

**Rana (and Stu)**

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**The Board of West Los Angeles Chamber of  
Commerce**

**would like to congratulate Mrs Elham Yaghoubian for  
well deserved honor  
for her philanthropy, her Knowledge, leadership,  
professionalism and her dedication to City of Los  
Angeles .**



**Dear Judith,**

Congratulations to you for all your  
accomplishments.

You followed your dreams and achieved beyond that.  
You are truly a role model for our future generations.

With love,

**Kathy and Emanuel Sadighpour**

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**Dr. Nayereh Khankhanian**

“Takht-E Almas”  
The shining example for us all!  
Love you so very much,

**Bahram, Farzaneh, Debbie, Becky and  
Jacob Tehrani**