

Our History and Activities:

In the summer of 1976, a group of Iranian ladies residing in Los Angeles founded the Iranian Jewish Women's Organization. The mission of this organization was established around the need for adjustment of the Iranian Jewish Community to their new homeland, as well as the preservation of their Jewish and Iranian heritage. This organization's roots were established in Iran in 1969 through the effort of a group of women seeking to improve the standard of life for women and children. For more than thirty years the mission of these women was accomplished by activities such as assisting WWII refugees, the establishment of day care centers in many Iranian cities and literacy classes.

Since 1976, The Iranian Jewish Women's Organization's activities have varied as the Iranian community has grown and become established in Los Angeles. As we continue to grow and change as women and as a community, inevitably there will be a need for the continued enhancement of the image of Iranian women through intellectual, social, cultural, and charitable activities. The highlights of these activities include, financial aid to needy people, grants and loans to local students, annual contributions to Hebrew University for academic research and scholarships to selected Iranian students, the celebration and promotion of traditional Iranian and Jewish holidays, the annual selection and presentation of the Mother and Woman of the Year and significant financial contributions and involvement to the Yitzchak Rabin Hillel Center for Jewish Life at UCLA.

Iranian Jewish Women's Organization



The Next Generation Chapter

Presents a panel discussion on



“The 21st Century and Us”

*Professional women, their education,
careers, families, and relationships.*

Wednesday, January 15th
UCLA Hillel
6:00-8:00pm

Panelists

Azadeh Bolour Afari, M.F.T:
Marriage and Family Therapist.
Masters Degree from Antioch
University.

Sharon Nazarian Baradaran, PhD:
Lecturer at USC and consultant to
the Rand Corporation.

Margo Halavi Galdjie, Psy. D.:
Clinical Psychologist. Founder and
Program Director of the Iranian
Counseling Center at Antioch
University.

Sharon Sarafzadeh Golshan: B.A
in Political Science and stay at home
mom.

Shirley Hakim, C.P.A: Certified
Public Accountant and stay at home
mom.

Dorit Halavi Miller, Psy.D.:
Clinical Psychologist. Founder and
Program Director of the Iranian
Counseling Center at Antioch
University.

Nooshin Noghrian Yazdi, D.D.S:
Practicing Dentist in the Los Angeles
Area.

Panel Discussion Program

- I. **Welcome & Introduction: History and Origin of The Next Generation**
Judy Kermani
- II. **Introduction of Panelists**
Ghazaleh Hekmatjah
- III. **Panel Discussion: Career, Relationships, Marriage, Judaism, Stress & Responsibility, & Trade-offs**
Sahar Makabi
Shireen Oberman
Azadeh Saghian
- IV. **Question & Answer with Audience**
- V. **Summation and Concluding Remarks**
Judy Kermani

The Next Generation

Board Members

(In alphabetical order)

Ghazaleh Hekmatjah: B.A candidate in Anthropology,
UCLA

Judy Kermani: B.A in Political Science, UCLA; JD
candidate, USC Law School

Sahar Makabi: B.A candidate in Neuroscience, UCLA

Shireen Oberman: B.A in Political Science and
French, USC; MSW candidate, USC School of Social
Work; MANCS candidate, Hebrew Union College

Sara Raof: B.A candidate in Psychology, UCLA

Azadeh Saghian: B.A in Political Science, UCLA; JD
candidate, Loyola Law School

*In affiliation with the goals of the
Iranian Jewish Women's Organization*

Our Mission Statement Is:

To educate women of our generation in
Jewish and Iranian culture.

To promote community through social
action.

To create relationships with other women
of our generation pursuing similar goals.