

Iranian Jewish Women's Organization



Celebration of
**FESTIVAL OF
LIGHTS**

WALDORF ASTORIA
2017

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Iranian Jewish Women's Organization

Requests the pleasure of your attendance
At our annual celebration

**FESTIVAL OF
LIGHTS'**

ANNUAL HANUKKAH GALA LUNCHEON

In Honor of

Saba Soomekh, Ph.D.

LA Assistant Director of AJC
For Global Jewish Advocacy, Author and Lecturer

Special musical entertainment by
Arash

Comedy presentation by our internationally known artist
Fariborz David Davoodian

Mistress of ceremony from Radio 670 a.m.
Mrs. Zohreh Lalehzary

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017

Reception 11- 12 noon, followed by lunch and program

Dietary Laws observed
\$175 per person \$150 for young professional singles

WALDORF ASTORIA HOTEL

9850 Wilshire Blvd. Beverly Hills

Purchase tickets on line at:

IJWO.org, click on Buy now under upcoming events
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(310) 273-5851, (818)705-8367

Reserved seats are provided for pre-purchased tables of 10-12
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SABA SOOMEKH, Ph.D.

Dr. Saba Soomekh is the Assistant Director of Interreligious and Intercommunity Affairs at the American Jewish Committee and a lecturer at UCLA.

Dr. Soomekh has her Ph.D. in Religious Studies from the University of California, Santa Barbara. She teaches and writes extensively on World Religions, Women and Religion, and the geo-politics of the Middle East. Dr. Soomekh is the editor of the book *Sephardi and Mizrahi Jews in America*, (Purdue University Press, 2016) and the award winning author of the book *From the Shahs to Los Angeles: Three Generations of Iranian Jewish Women between Religion and Culture* (SUNY Press, 2012), in the Religion category. Dr. Soomekh was also the consultant and community liaison of the exhibition at the Fowler Museum at UCLA entitled: *Light and Shadows: The Story of Iranian Jews*.

President: Shahla Zargarian Javdan

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Iranian Jewish Women's Organization honors the memory of:

Shamsi Moradpour Hekmat (Senior Advisor), Akhtar Morovati Hakim, Maliheh Sapir Kashfi, Poursan Cohan Moghavam and Touba Haghani Karoubian

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.

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