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**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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Message from Shahbanou Farah Pahlavi to IJWO for Mrs. Pari Abasalti

پیغام شهبانو فرح پهلوی به سازمان بانوان برای سرکار خانم پری اباصلتی



Mrs. Pari Abasalti: The enlightened period of Iran is very known and clear to all. Your effective presence in the "Etelaat" organization and the "Etelaat Banovan magazine" as well as the establishment of "The Club of Women and Girls," was a center for social, study, artistic and sports activities and thousands of Iranian women and girls participated in the efforts of that group and its activities. The establishment of the " Women and Girls Society," which was a great leap forward for the advancement of the cognizance of the worth and capabilities of Iranian women shall not be easily erased from the minds of Iranian women. Your continued efforts outside of Iran has continued with the same vigor, knowledge and forethought. I have been an observer of your services in the communication, cultural and social fronts of Iranian society which, under the banner of membership in the Iranian parliament, was always carried out with honesty and dedication in the cause of advancement of women in Iran. While in exile, with the publication of the "Rah-e-Zendegy Magazine and its continuation for more than years, you have played a great constructive role in the preservation of culture and the language of Farsi. Your struggle against the "Islamic Republic" and continued remembrance of our recent history particularly just prior to the Revolution of 57, and by shining a light on the more positive aspects of that time in the proud history of Iran you have provided a lasting legacy for yourself as a patriotic Iranian woman.

With best wishes;

FARAH PAHLAVI

Iranian Jewish Women's Organization



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Dear Mrs. Abasalty:

I am quite gratified that the city where you dwell is honoring you personally in recognition of your efforts and contributions.

I too have been an interested observer of all that you have accomplished not only during the years before the Revolution in Iran when you accompanied Their Majesties in their foreign travels as a reporter, but also the thirty six years afterwards during which you established and have continued the publication of the Rah-e-Zendegy magazine. I hope that your efforts will continue.

I pray to the Almighty God that he grant you success and good health in the years to come.

Ardeshire Zahedi

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ardeshire Zahedi', is written over the printed name.

March 2017



**A message from the president of
Iranian Jewish Women's Organization**

Dear Distinguished Guests,

Iranian Jewish Women's Organization takes immense pride in celebrating the International Women's Month by honoring two of our community's most accomplished personalities, Soraya Sarah Nazarian and Pari Abasalti Mirhashem. We bestow upon them the prestigious "Shamsi Hekmat Achievement Award 2017", with much admiration, enthusiasm and pride.

The history of Iranian Women is filled with stories of bravery, achievements and heroism, both in the ancient era and Modern times. From as far back as the biblical Queen Esther (Hadassah) in the fifth century BC, to the Sassanid Women rulers of the Persian Empire in the 6th century C.E.

In more modern times we have women like Sadigheh Dowlatabadi, a pioneer and most respected and influential members of the feminist movement in the early 20th 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 graduate of School of Pharmacy from Tehran University.

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 female senators, and members of the parliament. Among them we have one of our today's honorees, Mrs. Pari Abasalti.

This list can go on naming social, communal, Art, Judicial and philanthropic activists such as our other honoree Mrs. Soraya Sarah Nazarian. Other most notables are, the founders of **Iranian Jewish Ladies Organization** in 1947, "Sazaman-e-Banooan", headed by women like Mrs. Shamsi Hekmat in whose name this award is titled after, Mrs. Maliheh Kashfi, and many others. Under the most unlikely situations, these pioneer women in Iran stood strong and fought with illiteracy, prejudices, and injustices against women. They educated, healed, battled, built orphanages, opened chapters in far away villages, funded the neediest, fought and won their rights and gave a warm and loving refuge to those who fled the Nazi regime and had no one else to shelter them. All this took place in the era women were not expected to do more than being homemakers.

Then some 30 years later (1976), although themselves newcomers in a new and unfamiliar land, the members of Los Angeles chapter re-established, and as the first Iranian Jewish Organization in US, they continued to serve the community and to pave the way for the future generation.

Today, 70 years after our pioneer Founders started, we feel a great sense of satisfaction to know they are looking proudly at the incredibly accomplished Iranian women of this era, whom they fought for, and today, overflowing this room, are represented by our two extraordinary honorees. May the guiding light in our logo, keep on shining and lit the way for generations to come.

With Warm Regards,
Shahla Zargarian Javdan



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, Hannukah 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 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*.



- Annual 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 Sha're 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 *Agunhah* (women whose marriages are suspended or have been legally terminated in civil court, but not dissolved according to legal Jewish law). Working with the Cultural Foundation in New York and with 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 will soon be set up in one of the main cross roads of Century City.



Iranian Jewish Women's Organization

“Shamsi Hekmat Annual Award” for High Academic, Professional and Artistic Achievement

Qualification Criterion

Every year, on the occasion of the International Month of Women, The Iranian Jewish Women's Organization of Southern California, recognizes the talented Iranian-American women of high academic, professional and artistic merit on a global level. The areas covered include the humanities, sciences and liberal arts

The requirements for the nominees are:

1. The ability to maintain a balance between professional achievement and cultural and family values.
2. Significant academic achievement, including the following:
 - a. The doctorate degree or sub specialty in the studied field.
 - b. Teaching in an academic institution or other place of learning.
 - c. Research or publication in the candidate's field.
3. In the case of Arts and Humanities, artistic achievement is considered equivalent to the academic or professional measurements mentioned.

Note: On rare occasions, candidates with exceptional achievements, who have not necessarily met the above requirements, have been nominated.

The Annual deadline for recommendation of nominees is November 1st.
Applications are to be sent to the following address:

Nomination Committee
Iranian Jewish Women's Organization
2400 Hercules Dr.
Los Angeles, Calif. 90046
Tel: (323) 850-0139 Fax (323) 874-4969
E-mail: Oberman01@aol.com



Sitting left to right: Victoria Toubia, Shahla Javdan, Nahid Pirnazar, Louise Golshan,

Standing left to right: Farrokh Maddahi, Shimen Zakhor, Gity Barkhordar, Aliza Halavy, Nized Khalili, Eshrat Soumekh, Azizeh Kermanian, Shahnaz Nassir, Shahla Nikraves, Zohreh Lalezary, Minoo Koutal



Sitting left to right: Badieh Hakim, Victoria Tobia, Aliza Halavy, Nahid Pirnazar, Mehry Tahery, Louise Golshan, Mehri Sinai, Farrokh Maddahi, Azizeh Kermanian,
 Standing left to right: Shahla Nikraves, Shahnaz Nassir, Eshrat Soumekh, Nized Khalili, Mino Koutal, Shahla Javdan, Gity Barkhordar, Jila Perry, Soraya Afari



Left to right: Mehry Tahery, Zohreh Lalezary, Mehri Sinai, Farrokh Maddahi, Soraya Afari, Louise Golshan, Mino Koutal, Victoria Tobia, Aliza Halavy, Soraya Mobin, Shahla Nikraves, Nahid Pirnazar, Jila Perry, Shahla Javdan



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 ایران مرادف - ملوک زرگریان - بدور منشه - استر مورہ - شمس 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
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و خانواده



شماره ۴۹

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IRANIAN JEWISH WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

Presented by Hillel at UCLA at the Annual Gala
on June 2, 2011 in appreciation of years of
support, dedication and friendship.

در مراسم بزرگداشتی که بنیاد هیلل دانشگاه یوسی ال ای در ماه ژوئن سال ۲۰۱۱ از سازمان بانوان یهود ایران بعمل آورد و بعنوان سپاس از کمک های مداوم این سازمان ، تابلوی نفیسی را که با آرم سازمان بانوان طراحی شده بود به هیئت مدیره این سازمان اهداء نمود. این تابلو در سالن نشیمن ساختمان هیلل که به نام سازمان بانوان نامگذاری شده است نصب گردیده است.

Iranian Jewish Women's Organization



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.



Avideh Zakhor Sanders, Ph.D.

1999



Sima Cohansedgh Baravarian, Ph.D.



Mahvash Rafii Abitbol M.D.



Shimen Zakhor Claxton M.S.E.E.



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



Jilla Parhami Danesh, M.A.



Mitra Makbuleh, Ph.D., MPH



Parvaneh Sarraf Doustan, M.A.



Past Honorees

2006



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



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



Laura Levy Merafe, M.A.

2007



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



Farnaz Halavy Galdjie, 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.

Iranian Jewish Women's Organization



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

Iranian Jewish Women's Organization



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



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



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



Soraya Sarah Nazarian



Soraya Sarah Nazarian is an Iranian-born artist. She is a master in direct stone carving. Her work explores themes of motherhood, family, spirituality and Iranian culture.

Soraya immigrated to the U.S. in 1979 with her family. Early in her career, she worked in multiple mediums including drawing and clay. In the 1980s, Soraya began sculpting at American Jewish University (formerly University of Judaism), and established her own studio soon after. Her work is distinguished by two major periods: the 1980s-1990s were a time of discovery and experimentation while the 2000s are marked by the creation of large-scale sculptures.

Early experimentations show Soraya's depth in mastering the female form and in creating abstract compositions out of stone. These early works often reflected her life experiences - a theme that reemerges throughout her career. Most of her works are based on strong familial connections and a commitment to humanistic values.

In 2000, Soraya traveled to Pietrasanta, Italy, a city made famous for its marble quarries by the Renaissance sculptor Michelangelo. The experience profoundly shaped her life, focused her technique, and enhanced her relationship with stone. Since her initial arrival, she has been one of the few women who have personally selected stone from Pietrasanta quarries.

Soraya's work has been highlighted in various solo and group exhibitions. *Strength Revealed* (2010), was a 25 year retrospective of her work curated by Barbara Gilbert, curator emeritus of the Skirball Cultural Center and Museum in Los Angeles, CA. Accompanying the show was a catalogue titled *Strength Revealed: The Sculpture of Soraya Sarah Nazarian* including essays by Ruth Weisberg, Cynthia Burlingham, and an interview with Gloria Gerace. Recent group exhibitions include *My Heart Is in the East* (2012) an official satellite show of the Fowler Museum's *Light and Shadows* at Shulamit Nazarian gallery Venice, CA; *Sacred Words, Sacred Texts* (2013) at Hebrew Union College, Los Angeles, CA; and *7,657mi* exhibition in conjunction with the Jerusalem Biennale (2015) at American Jewish University's Platt Gallery, Los Angeles, CA and Jerusalem, Israel. Her work is held in numerous private collections.

Cultural, educational, and medical institutions in Israel and the U.S have commissioned several large-scale public art sculptures. Recent commissions include *Sound* (2002) at the Jerusalem Academy of Music & Dance in Jerusalem, Israel; *Reflections* (2007) at Sapir College, near Sderot, Israel; *Legacy* (2009) at the University of Haifa in Haifa, Israel; *Identity* (2010) at Saperstein Middle School in Los Angeles, CA; and *Wings* (2014) at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem in Jerusalem, Israel. Two large commissions are planned in 2017, one at California State University, Northridge and the other at Rambam Hospital in Haifa, Israel. Soraya lives and maintains a studio in Los Angeles, California.



Pari Abasalti Mirhashem



Born on March 11th 1935, Pari Abasalti was always a writer and because of it had participated in school's literary programs. She participated in a contest in high school which required writing and drawing an essay titled "The Ideal World" in which she drew her and wrote about her journey where she would fly to Michigan, study medicine, would go back to Iran, and practice medicine in the underprivileged rural area and would be in pursuit of service to people. She did win that contest and her essay and drawing was published in the only magazine exclusively for students in Iran with her picture on the cover.

Later, while still in high school, she was the only girl along with 6 boys who were chosen among 2,500 participants from Iran for a contest organized by United Nation for students worldwide to write an essay titled "The World We Want". She continued her writing passion throughout High School by producing the school's newspaper.

She continued her dream of becoming a physician and took the entrance test for the entry to medical school. However, the passion for writing and literature was stronger and she ended up pursuing a BA in liberal Arts from College of Literature at Tehran University and ultimately a master degree in Psychology and Education. Her ease of conversation, interest in other people's opinion, and gathering information allowed to women in Iran at the time, yet opened another door.

60 years ago “Ettela'at” Newspaper began the publication of the first women’s magazine called “Ettela'at-e-Banovon”. On its first issue, they asked aspiring writers to submit a writing sample for a chance to join the staff. Pari Abasalti wrote a report about her college and upon its submission won the heart of the editor and was asked to join the magazine as a reporter. It was working in that magazine which changed her life in personal, social, and public aspects. There, she met Mr. Houshang Mirhashem who shared her passion for writing. In her personal life, she found a lime time partner. Their marriage is what the legends are made of, working and living together for decades; their love for each other, writing, life, and politics.

In her public life, she began to work as the first woman reporter in Iran when the progressive change had not taken place to facilitate the work environment for women. She embarked on a lifelong of writing with her first assignment interviewing the woman in charge of Office of Family Affair in Iran. It was later when accommodating family law and women’s right policies and law had changed the life of women in Iran and a result opened opportunities women beyond dream, from running a small office, to becoming a judge.

“Ettela'at-e-Banovon” established a social gathering place for women only called Girl’s and Women’s Club. Mrs. Pari Abasalti Mirhashem managed the club and was instrumental in establishing many wonderful outlet for women to participate in activities and learn new skills in a safe place. The club offered an opportunity for women to learn an array of subjects including but not limited to Pattern and dress making, cooking, typing, and English language. The club also opened the door for women’s sport and there were many national game played and won by its women’s sports teams. She also established with a weekly lectures and Italian and French magazine event where popular singers would perform for the members so they can enjoy the live music which would have been impossible otherwise.

When it was time to have a new Editor in Chief for “Ettela'at Banovon” magazine, she became the first ever woman Editor in Chief of a magazine in Iran. In her new role, she was invited to foreign countries to report about them in Iran. She was granted interviews by public figures including Valentina Tereshkova the first women astronaut and had met with editors of International publications such as “New York Time, Daily Telegram, and the Guardian, She travelled all across the world from Ethiopia to Venezuela along with His Royal Highness Shah of Iran and her Royal Highness Shahbanoo as the official reporter.

Her position as the Editor was one of many outcomes of the change of the landscape of women’s right in Iran at the time. The continuation and momentum of this change in Iran’s political ground and Mrs. Pari Abasalti Mirhahsem’s strength as an individual whose foresight had facilitated her growth brought her to an even a more groundbreaking plateau in her life.

What she did with opportunity is what makes her even more exceptional. She participated in many charity organizations such as “Center of Blinds” under the guidance of Her Royal Highness Farah Pahlavi. Her relentless desire to be part of the change was instrumental for hundreds of students to be able to pursue higher education in Europe through public grants from “Pahalvi Foundation” for which she personally gathered information and completed the process.

She eventually put her name as a candidate to become a Member of Parliament and on the election and became the Member of Parliament and served in this capacity. At the time of upheaval in Iran prior to the 1979 change, she was asked to publish Khomeini’s picture on the cover of “Ettela'at-e-Banovon”. She was against it and in defiance left the country, thinking she and Mr. Mirhashem would go visit their son who was student in United States and would go back when the fever of Khomeini was settled. While in United States, they were urged not to go back and stay in United States. They stayed and a visit of a few weeks became the start of life as immigrants.

They stayed and did what they were good at, they wrote. She first attended NYU for a Doctorate degree in journalism and after a year she and Mr. Mirhashem moved to Los Angeles and began a new adventure and this is how Rah-e-Zendegi began 36 years ago. Their departure from Iran was not intended as immigration therefore no financial plan was made and publication of the magazine in a foreign land became the soul of their survival.

After some years Radio Iran, the only Iranian Radio at the time in US, approached her due to her experience in working in Radio back in Iran for over 10 years producing and broadcasting about women’s progress in Iran to do the same in an hour long daily talk show which would cover news and interviews. So she started a new venture alongside the publication of Rah-E-Zendegi. The daily reporting of world’s news and affair, providing useful information alongside what now is available through social media at the time when social media did not exist made her daily talk show one of the most popular radio programs which she performed where ever she was at the time of broadcasting even while traveling.

Traveling was due to yet another venue she began to pursue shortly after the daily talk show’s broadcasting started. While in Iran, she had organized a number of trips for members of Girl’s and Women’s club. Because of her extensive trips around the world, both in personal life along with Mr. Mirhashem and their son and professional capacity, this was a natural order of events. Organizing tours inside United States and internationally, managing the logistic of the trips, and accompanying the participants for the duration of trips while providing constant entertainment with a full schedule; made the touring endeavor one of the most successful among providers of such service.

Her activities in Iranian community, had led her to be three times the president of Coalition of Iranian Entrepreneur and twice the president of Rotary Club. This was achieved while publishing the "Rah-e-Zendegi", hosting the radio talk show, and managing her touring services.

Their son whom they came to visit, went to earn a post doctorate degree in physics and decided to rather do something more meaningful. He went back to school and became an attorney and after years of working as public defender and federal public defender is now the Director of Criminal Clinic at New Hampshire University teaching law. His two daughters, one followed Mrs. Pari Abasalti Mirhashem's footsteps and is a writer and one of the editors of "Outside" publication; the other is following her mother's footsteps,

Dr. Elizabeth Keen Mirhashem is in premed to become a physician. In her granddaughters, she has fulfilled her two desired subjects in life; medicine and writing.



Soraya Jaan,

I am so happy to see you honored with this distinguished award.

You are a treasure to me and a pillar of our family.

Your contributions as an artist, mentor, partner and friend are far-reaching.

Congratulations!

With deep love and immense pride,

Younes





Dear Momzy,

Congratulations on the honor you so rightfully deserve.

You are a true role model for all of us.

A loving and caring mother and grandmother, a compassionate and open hearted human being, and a talented artist.

You have taught us, by example, to follow our passion and put hard work behind any endeavor we undertake.

Thank you for being such an inspiration and offering such beauty to the world through your works of art.

With much love,

David, Angella, Phillip and Eli



Congratulations to Soraya Nazarian,

My mother and grandmother to my three sons, for the wonderful and
deserved acknowledgment.

She has been a leader and a role model for me, my family, and for the
community for as long as I can remember.

As a Persian Jewish woman and an artist, she has been the leading force
in my family's life.

We cherish and look forward to many more years with Soraya as an
example of strength and grace.

Love,

Shulamit Nazarian,
Ariel, Aaron, and Elan Torbati





Shalom 2007



Aleph 2013

To Soraya,

Loving mother, beautiful artist, and inspiring human being. You are truly a role model to all of us and we love you very much.

Congratulations on this well-deserved honor!

Love,

Sharon, Fernando,
Sarah, Layla and Adam



Dear Momzy,

We are so proud to have a visionary woman as a pillar of our family and an example to our Ella.

We love you,

Sam, Emina & Ella Nazarian





We love you Momzy,

We are so proud to have a grandmother like you.

Thank you for being such a big part of each of
our lives.

The lessons and the love you have given us will
remain with us forever and we will pass it on to
our future families.

L'dor Va Dor

Love, your grandchildren,

Ariel, Aaron, Phillip, Elan, Sarah, Eli, Layla, Adam, Ella



Congratulations Beautiful Soraya on this incredible honor!

You are a woman of grace, inner and outer beauty, kindness and truly have the most beautiful heart!

***There is no one like you!
Our guardian angel on this earth.***

We love you more than words could ever say.

Lili and Jon Bosse





Iranian Jewish Women's Organization

Congratulates

&

Salutes

The Two distinguished recipients of

of Shamsi Hekmat Award, 2017

Mrs. Soraya Sarah Nazarian

Mrs. Pari Abasalti Mirhashem



*In this International Month of the Women
We celebrate and salute*

*An Icon of our time
Mrs. Soraya Sarah Nazarian
Artist, Master sculpture, Philanthropist*

For

*Reaching for her dream and achieving it
masterfully*

*Symbolizing the true power in every
woman*

*Dr. & Mrs. Parviz & Shahla Javdan
David, Beth, Ray, Mona,
Madison & Parker Javdan*



A true artist is not one who is inspired, but one who inspires others.

Salvador Dali

Soraya Sarah Nazarian

Thank you for inspiring us all & congratulations on this important recognition. We commend your extraordinary work as an artist & caring philanthropist whose heartfelt efforts enrich lives & make the world more beautiful.

Wishing you much continued success....

**Pouran & Parviz Nazarian
And Families**



CONGRATULATIONS

To

SORAYA SARAH NAZARIAN

FOR A MUCH-DESERVED AWARD!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND
COMMITMENT TO THE SERVICE OF
OUR COMMUNITY AND HUMANITY.**

**YOUR ARTISTIC PASSION AND DISTINCTIVE
STYLE IN SCULPTURE ARE TO BE ADMIRERD
BY GENERATIONS TO COME.**

Manochehr & Mahnaz Nazarian

Allen & Chantel Nazarian

Michelle Nazarian



Congratulations

To

Soraya Sarah Nazarian

*For her deep commitment to philanthropy and art
here and in the state of Israel.*

*We have witnessed her hard work, passion and
generosity toward numerous worthy causes. Our
community is blessed to have her as a role model
for our future generations.*

With love,

Farrokh Maddahi.



Congratulations

Soraya Sarah Nazarian

for receiving the

Shamsi Hekmat Achievement Award

*and thank you for all you do for CSUN, Los Angeles,
and beyond.*

*President Dianne F. Harrison
and all your friends at*

California State University, Northridge



Congratulations to my dear friend

Soraya Nazarian

on receiving

*The Shamsi Hekmat Achievement Award,
a well deserved honor to a great woman of
valor.*

Perla Karney

*Artistic Director
Dortort Center for Creativity in the Arts at
UCLA Hillel*



In Grateful Appreciation for Mrs. Soraya Sarah Nazarian

Our dear friend,

You are a remarkable philanthropist, spectacular artist, dedicated educator and a worldwide humanitarian.

You have been planting seeds, building bridges and enabling pioneer thinkers to inspire the global community and enhancing humanity.

We admire you and your art, focusing and carrying on the most important themes of motherhood, family, spirituality and our native Iranian culture.

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

We salute you for being the living embodiment of this well stated wish.

Your support and friendship is a privilege.

Manochehr Nazarian
Chairman, Board of Directors

Susan Azizzadeh
President



Iranian American Jewish Federation

فدراسیون یهودیان ایرانی آمریکایی

Our dear friend Mrs. Pari Abasalti-Mirhashem,

With much gratitude and admiration, we, the Iranian Jewish Community, honor you and value your tireless efforts fostering friendship and collaboration of minds providing the most important and collective news and information.

You have lifted the spirits of so many with your unwavering strength and undefeated positive outlook, being a life lesson to all.

One of the few female pioneers in journalism, you promote all Iranian professional women and inspire the next generation.

Your effective leadership and guidance has successfully governed many organizations benefiting the community at large.

We treasure your friendship and wish you continued success.

Manochehr Nazarian
Chairman, Board of Directors

Susan Azizzadeh
President



We Congratulate

Soraya Sarah Nazarian

&

Pari Abasalti Mirhashem

**The Iranian Jewish Women's Organization's 2017 Recipients of
The Shamsi Hekmat Achievement Award**

*Two Outstanding Iranian Women
Whose diverse talents, visions and contributions
Have impacted the lives of Iranian women throughout the world.*

Dear Soraya

*The international acclaim of your artistic work has been a source of
Great pride to all Iranians and inspiring to the younger generation.*

*The impact of your philanthropic work will be felt by many
generations to come.*

*But it is your graceful, composed & modest demeanor that has
earned our love and respect.*

With Best Wishes

**The Haifa & Malka Groups
Of
Hadassah Southern California**



ثریای عزیز

وقتیکه قلم بدست گرفتیم که چند سطری بنویسم به زمان قدیم برگشتم، به زمان مدرسه کوروش. یادم میاید
دختری با موهای فرفری، خوش اخلاق بسیار ساه و خوش قلب.

و حالا همان دختر جوان خانمیست هنرمند که از سنگ مرمر با دستهای ظریف و هنرمندش زیبایی میآفریند.
در ضمن همین خانم هنرمند با قلب بزرگی که دارد خدمتگزار جامعه است و به درد مردم با خوش قلبی،
سادگی و محبت. رسیدگی میکند.

ثریا جان امید وارم همیشه پا بر جا، سلامت و سر افراز باشی و بدان که باعث افتخار جامعه ایرانی و آمریکایی
میباشی.

دوستدار تو با محبت فراوان

ثریا ملامد

Soraya Joon,

As I picked my pen up to write this, I was transported back to our school days at Koroush. I remembered a girl with curly hair who was very sweet, down-to-earth, and kind.

And now, the same young lady has grown into a talented artist whose delicate hands create beauty out of the hard surface of marble.

You are a humanitarian, philanthropist, and a leader. May you always be successful in all that you do. You are the pride of the Iranian and American communities.

With lots of love,

Soraya Melamed



Pari Khanoom Jaan,

How wonderful it is to know that a woman who is a symbol of strength, hard work, and dedication is being honored during International Women's Month.

I am proud to have a friend as accomplished and strong as you are.

I remember vividly when you returned to Iran, years ago, as a passionate female journalist. I was so excited to watch as you continued on your successful path when you were elected as the first female member of the Parliament in Iran. You won with the highest number of votes possible.

Your continued dedication, perseverance, and one small typewriter, led you to your next endeavor, "Rah-E-Zendeghi", which became the highest selling Farsi magazine in the US.

Congratulations on this well-deserved honor. May we celebrate your continued success for many years to come.

With love,

Soraya Melamed



*In honor of a loving, generous, and
inspiring friend*

Soraya Sarah Nazarian

Congratulations

Ebrahim & Lida Simhaee



سرکار خانم پری اباضلی،

با نهایت سربلندی، افتخار داریم مراتب سپاسگزاری خود را
برای خدمات استثنائی پنجاه و چندساله تان در زمینه های
فرهنگی، اجتماعی، سیاسی و مطبوعاتی تقدیم نمائیم .

ترانه و مهربان خواجه نوری



Excellence

Congratulations to Soraya Sarah
Nazarian, Recipient of the Shamsi
Hekmat Achievement Award, 2017.
We are so proud of you.



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To a woman worthy of much praise

*An artist, a matriarch and a person
full of love and compassion,*

Soraya Sara Nazarian

*Soraya khanom jan,
We congratulate you on this well-deserved
honor.*

*Jamshid and Angela Maddahi
Ben, Roxana, Nyla & Cyrus
Amanda and Lauren*





Congratulations

to

*Mrs. Soraya Sarah Nazarian
and
Mrs. Pari Abasalti Mirhashem*
for receiving the great honor of

Woman of the Year

and

*for all their contributions to
Iranian American Community*

Anoosheh & Ali Razi

Iranian Jewish Women's Organization



Congratulations

to

Soraya

You are the Best.

Davora Ezralow



Iranian Jewish Women's Organization



Congratulations

on this well deserved honor to

Pari Abasalti Mirhashem

and

Soraya Sarah Nazarian

Soraya I am in owe of you, always!

Ellen Sandler



Pari Khanoomeh Aziz,

Accomplished, dedicated, and visionary are only a few of the words that come to mind when we think of you.

are a true inspiration to all women, young and old, teaching us that anything is possible.

We celebrate you and all your achievements in assisting women each and every day.

We are proud to call you our friend.

With love,

Mojgan and Kathy Melamed





“A woman is the full circle. Within her is the power to create, nurture and transform.”

Diane Mariechild

Soraya Khanoom,

You have impacted many lives with your leadership, creativity, and ability to nurture and transform.

Congratulations on receiving the Shamsi Hekmat Achievement Award!

With love,

Mojgan and Kathy Melamed



سرکار خانم پری اباضلی بسیار خوشحالم که سازمان بانوان شما را بعنوان زن برگزیده سال انتخاب کرده است. سوابق خدمات شما در مقامهای نمایندگی مجلس، سر دبیری مجله و خدمات شما به جامعه ایرانی بخصوص بانوان و در سایر پستها بسیار افتخار آمیز است. عید نوروز باستانی را به شما و آقای هوشنگ میرهاشم تبریک عرض میکنیم و سلامتی شما را خواستاریم.

همچنین تبریک مخصوص داریم برای خانم ثریا نظریان که در همه کارهای خیر پیش قدم بوده و هنرمندی لایق میباشند. شما افتخار جامعه ایرانیان هستید. سال نو را به شما و آقای یونس نظریان تبریک میگوییم.

فلورا و هوشنگ حمید



To our dear friend Soraya,

*Your philanthropy and creativity is an
inspiration to us all.*

*We are always excited to see what your
boundless imagination will think of
next.*

Dora & Nader

Iranian Jewish Women's Organization



Dear Soraya,

Your artistry and generosity
are an inspiration to us all.

Congratulations!

!2016 BN

تبریک می گویم!

UCLA Younes & Soraya Nazarian
Center for Israel Studies



Dearest Pari Abasalti,

Courageous, talented, iconic, Sheerzan...

Thank you for being our fearless and humble trailblazer. Your unique integrity, professionalism and love for journalism is exemplary.

Wishing you many more years of fulfillment and happiness. Love you, my role model and good friend.

Lisa Daftari

THE
FOREIGN
DESK
By Lisa Daftari



Congratulations

to

Pari Abasalti Mirhashem

*You are an asset to your
profession and our community*

I congratulate you on your accomplishments.

Dr. Janet Refua



Soraya Sarah Nazarian

You motivate us by your passion; drive us with your tenacity and make us very proud with your achievements and generosity.

Congratulations on receiving this well deserved award.

*With love,
Lida and Behrouz Dardashti*



خانم پری اباصلتی گرامی

تبریکات صمیمانه ما را برای انتخاب شما بعنوان یکی از زنان
برگزیده سال ۲۰۱۷ بپذیرید.

نام شما در تاریخ زنان ایران زمین برای بسیاری از اولین ها ثبت
است.

آنیتا و مسعود قمی زاده



Dearest Soraya,

We are extremely proud of all that you have accomplished and what you stand for in our community.

You have touched so many people with your grace and creativity which reflects in your art work.

Congratulations on this recognition and honor.

Nazy, Kourosch Maddahi and Kids



*Congratulations
to
our long time friend*

Soraya

*for her creative sculptures and her
humanitarian efforts.*

*You are the best example and role model
for the future generation.*

We are proud of your accomplishments.

*Parichehr Benlevy
Shahin Labib
Shahnaz Golshan
Soraya Ebrahimzadeh*



Congratulations

to

My Dear friend Pari Abasalti,

on a well deserved honor

*your high achievements and success speak
for themselves.*

Mrs. Parvin Refua



To my dear and loving friend Soraya Nazarian,

*Special congratulations on this well deserved honor
with the International Women's Month celebration
for your forever lovely direct stone carving
contributions to our earth.*

*May God continue to bless your hands in creating
beautiful gifts in your quest to bring peace to the
world.*

*With love & affection,
Angelle Grace Wacker*



Thank you for your continued support love and the dedication to the Jewish community in Los Angeles, the people of Israel and our Nation. May you go from strength to strength !

Our blessings and congratulations to Mrs. Pari Abaslati Mirhashem on this meaningful achievement and well deserved honor.

*Much love and appreciation,
Rinat & Dr. Nathan Newman*



سرکار خانم پری اباضلی و جناب آقای میرهاشم

با تقدیم عرض سلام صمیمانه،

انتخاب سرکار بانو اباضلی را به نام بانوی برگزیده سال ۲۰۱۷ تبریک عرض
می‌کنم.

جامعه‌ی ایرانی مدیون دو خدمتگزار شریف، بانو اباضلی و آقای میرهاشم
می‌باشد و هر چه کنند، کم کرده‌اند.

با تقدیم ارادت دکتر قائم مقامی

مارچ ۲۰۱۷



Rotary

خانم پری اباصلتی

بعد از سالیان زیاد که تلاش های شما را شاهد بوده ام، از این که فرصت مغتنمی در اختیارم قرار گرفته تا از خدمات شایان توجهی که در جهت روشنگری و بالا بردن سطح آگاهی جامعه از تاریخ ایران و پیشرفت های درخشان جوانان ایرانی در پهنه جهان داشته اید، قدردانی کنم و موفقیت و سرفرازی بیشتر شما و نشریه ی راه زندگی را آرزو نمایم.

احمد کلیدداری
کلب روتاری رنجوپارک
مارچ ۲۰۱۷



خانم پری اباضلی

بسیار خوشوقتم از این که فرصتی پیش آمد تا بتوانم بهترین آرزوهای خود را برای موفقیت هر چه بیشتر شما با هدف سرفرازی ایران و ایرانی و انعکاس پیشرفت‌های جوانان و زنان ایرانی از طریق نشریه راه زندگی در صحنه‌های بین‌المللی تقدیم شما کنم و هر چه بیشتر ناظر به ثمر نشستن تلاش‌های شما باشم.

محمدنصری

March 2017

Iranian Jewish Women's Organization



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the Research for Myopathies.***

***Best Regards for the
Iranian Jewish Women's Organization***

A Philanthropic Jewel within our Society

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A.R.M. Organization
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Dearest Soraya Khanom,

You are a special blend of many fine qualities

You possess strength of character, a giving hand
and heart, wisdom and grace

You are an amazing friend

And most of all you have a heart of gold

Mix all of this with an outstanding family you and
Younes Khan have built together

You are truly remarkable!

With Love Always,

Nancy, Jack, Eddi and Minoo Simantob

Angel & John Makhani



Iranian American Women Foundation (IAWF)

Extends a warm and most gracious congratulations

To

**Soraya Sarah Nazarian
&
Pari Abasalti Mirhashem**

We applaud their vision, passion and leadership
to make a positive contribution
to our community





Congratulations to

Pari Abasalti Mirhashem

You have great impact on our community.

You broke many barriers.

You are an excellent role model for our future generation.

Congratulation to

Soraya Sarah Nazarian

Your creativity is admirable.

You are the first and only Persian master sculptor of its kind.

Your humanitarian endeavors is appreciated.

Salute to

Iranian Jewish Women's organization

Your dedication to community services is an inspiration to all.

Dr. Nanaz Pirnia



Soraya Sarah Nazarian

&

Pari Abasalti Mirhashem

You followed your dreams and achieved beyond that.

Congratulations on your remarkable accomplishments.

Soraya Mobin



Congratulations

to

Soraya Sara Nazarian

An Honor Well deserved!

Mazel Tov!

Ada & Jim Horwich



سرکار بانو پری اباصلتی میرهاشم

با سربلندی انتخاب شایسته شما را به عنوان بانوی برگزیده سال تبریک میگوئیم. شما در درازای زندگی پربارتان منشأ خدمات بزرگی به میهن، رسانه ها و سایر زمینه ها بوده اید و براستی سزاوار بهترین ها هستید.

آذر و فریدون علوی



Congratulations

to

Mrs. Soraya Sarah Nazarian

&

Mrs. Pari Abasalti Mirhashem

You are the pride of our community

We congratulate you on your achievements

Lili & Joseph Soroudi



**"I am a woman, phenomenally. Phenomenal woman,
that's me"**

Maya Angelou

Dear Soraya

*Congratulations on carving out inspiration,
mediating the collective unconscious, and
communicating your enlightened individuality
into creation.*

*Your art teaches autonomy towards our
relevant reality, transforming life into a form
of art.*

Much love,

Dariush & Mojgan

Isabel, Yaniv & Oliver Maddahi



"There are more fake guides, teachers and mentors in the world than stars. The **Real Guide is the one who makes you see your inner beauty, not the one who wants to be admired and followed."**

Shams Tabrizi

Dearest Pari Khanom,

I count myself beyond fortunate that providence swerved my path your way at an age when I truly needed a "Real Guide" in my life.

Your passion for knowledge and the ethical sense of responsibility to provide a positive impact in society inspired me to follow the field of journalism.

Your kindness, encouragement, generosity, wisdom, and guidance continues to have a great impact in all aspects and stages of my life; and will forever remain as a major contributor behind my success and achievements.

I cherish and fondly remember every moment I got to spend with you and Mr. Houshang Mirhashem, and will never forget the life lessons that you readily and graciously imparted to me and those around you. I even looked to you and tried my best to emulate your courage and sense of acceptance when faced with life altering physical challenges.

I am happy that IJWO has provided a platform where we are given the opportunity to convey our gratitude to all that you are, and our appreciation for all that you have done.

Thank you for sharing your inner light with all those around you and illuminating the paths of those who passed your way with real guidance and love.

With much love and admiration,

Mojgan Moghadam Rahbar



Our warm congratulations

to

Soraya Sara Nazarian

A well deserved honor

Toshka & Norman Abrams



Congratulations

to the honorees!

*Thank you to the Organization for
continuing my grandmother,
Shamsi Hekmat's, vision.*

*Navid Dayzad, Esq.
Immigration and Citizenship Law*



In Loving Memory of Our Mother

Akhtar Hakim

Who Touched so Many Lives

Shideh Paul Farshid



Congratulations

to

My Dear Friend

Soraya

*You followed your dreams and achieved
beyond that.*

You are certainly an inspiration.

*You are symbolizing the power in every
woman.*

We are proud of you.

Valantin and Morris Eshaghpour



خانم پری اباصلتی

من به عنوان ناظری که سال‌هاست از نزدیک و دور، شاهد تلاش‌های شما بوده‌ام، و دشواری‌ها و سنگلاخ‌های در پیش پای‌تان را دیده‌ام و از دیگر سو، دست‌آوردهای کوشش‌های‌تان را به روشنی به تماشا نشسته‌ام، به خوبی بر آنچه که کردید و نتیجه‌ای که گرفتید، اِشراف دارم.

می‌دانم چه زخم‌هایی بر دل و جان دارید و چگونه با لبخند و امید بر همه‌ی آنان سرپوش نهاده‌اید. می‌دانم مجله‌ی راه‌زندگی را چون کودکی نوپا چگونه پروبال دادید و در همین صفحات محدود با چه پایداری صمیمانه‌ای به آرمان‌های وطن‌خواهانه‌ی خود وفادار ماندید.

قدرتان حضور همیشگی شما هستم در بزنگاه‌هایی که هرگاه ضرورت آن را حس کرده‌اید، هیچ رادعی را در مسیر خود ندیده‌اید و به هیچ مانعی بها نداده‌اید.

دکتر سیروس مشکی



خانم پری اباصلتی

کوشش‌ها و روشن‌گری‌های شما در سازمان‌های تحت نظارت‌تان، همواره بازتاب‌های روشن و مشخصی داشت که اثرات آن بعد از سال‌ها هنوز در تفکر و منش دختران نوجوانی که امروز بانوانی خردمند و آگاه هستند، کاملاً مشخص است.

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انتخاب شما بعنوان یکی از دو بانوی برگزیده سال ۲۰۱۷ را
شادباش میگوییم.

دکتر مهدی و نازی ادهم



Congratulations

to

Mrs. Soraya Sarah Nazarian

For your artistic talent and creativity.

*Your contributions to the community is
admirable.*

Aliza Halavi



Congratulations

to

Mrs. Pari Abasalti Mirhashem

on your high achievements

You are an asset to our community.

*You have made a major contribution to the
knowledge of our community.*

Aliza Halavi



Congratulations

to

Mrs. Soraya Sarah Nazarian
Mrs. Pari Abasalti Mirhashem

On joining the prominent rank of the
distinguished women of

IJWO

Jila & Naim Perry



Congratulations

To

Mrs. Pari Abasalti Mirhashem

Your life long accomplishments as a Progressive woman brings pride to the Women of your generation and to the generations to come.

A very well deserved honored, for all your numerous achievements.

Louise & Jamshid Golshan



*To
A very special dear friend*

Soraya,

For a well deserved honor

*From our much younger days, to now, you
have always been a special friend.*

*It is with great joy that we celebrate you,
for your artistic talent and your
humanitarian endeavors.*

*You have always been a role model, and
achiever and yet, a most humble friend.*

Louise and Jamshid Golshan



Congratulations

To

Iranian Jewish women's Organization's Honorees

Recipient of Shamsi Hekmat Achievement Award

2017

Two high achieving and talented ladies

Mrs. Soraya Sarah Nazarian

And

Mrs. Pari Abasalti Mirhashem

**For their unique contribution to society, their unique personalities,
their commitments to their ideas and above all, for their passion,
creating, a better world for all of us.**

Mehry & Parviz Tahery, M.D.



Congratulations
to
Soraya Sarah Nazarian

***On a life of incredible achievements in your artistic
talent, an amazing woman and a philanthropist***

&

Pari Abasalti Mirhashem

***On a life of leadership, pioneer in many aspects of life.
Former member of Iranian Parliament***

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

Minoo Zahabian Koutal



Congratulations to our honorees

*Soraya Sarah Nazarian
&
Pari Abasalti Mirhashem*

*Two pioneer Iranian women
whose accomplishments have
made them role models and sources of
inspiration for our younger generation*

Jeffrey & Nahid Oberman



*Congratulations to two accomplished
women chosen as this year honorees*

&

Recipient of

Shamsi Hekmat Award, 2017

You are role models for future generation.

*Mrs. Soraya Sarah Nazarian
Mrs. Pari Abasalti Mirhashem*

Nized Khalili



*Best Wishes to
Our Distinguished Honorees*

*Soraya Sarah Nazarian
Pari Abasalti Mirhashem*

*You are the pride of our community
We congratulate you on your achievements.*

*Shahla and Victor Nikravesht
Tannaz and Andy Galker
Payam and Dalia Nikravesht*



Best Wishes

to

Two distinguished honorees

*Mrs. Soraya Sarah Nazarian
Mrs. Pari Abasalti Mirhashem*

*With admiration and respect for your
achievements.*

Shahnaz & Houshang Nassir



*Congratulations
to*

Mrs. Soraya Sarah Nazarian

A woman of talent and valor

Someone admired and respected

by both

Iranian & American communities

Shireen Oberman Lowenstein

Jasmine Oberman Eisler



Best Wishes to Honorees

*Mrs. Soraya Sarah Nazarian
Mrs. Pari Abasalti Mirhashem*

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

Victoria Tobia



Congratulations

to

Soraya Sarah Nazarian

&

Pari Abasalti Mirhashem

for this well-deserved honor

Being recognized by the

"Shamsi Hekmat Award"

is a big honor. These awards encourage others to follow their footsteps and pursue their own dreams.

Eshrat Soumekh



Congratulations

to

Soraya Sarah Nazarian
Artist, Sculptor, Philanthropist

&

Pari Abasalti Mirhashem
Journalist, Former Member of Parliament
and Editor-in-Chief

You are both role models for our future generation.

Gity and Francois Barkhordar



Mrs. Soraya Sarah Nazarian
Mrs. Pari Abasalti Mirhashem

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

Zohreh Lalezary

برای رونق شغل و معرفی کالای خود با من زهره لاله زاری در
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سازمان بانوان یهود ایرانی

جایزه سالانه "شمسی حکمت" بمناسبت احراز درجات عالی دانشگاهی و حرفه ای و هنری

شرایط قبول کاندیدا

سازمان بانوان یهود ایرانی همه ساله بمناسبت ماه بین المللی زن بمنظور تشویق بانوان نمونه ایرانی تبار که از نظر تحصیلات دانشگاهی، حرفه ای و هنری در سطح جهانی ممتاز میباشند چند بانوی پیشرفته را انتخاب و طی مراسمی بجامعه معرفی مینماید کاندیدهای فوق باید در یکی از رشته های انسانی، علمی و یا هنری، دارای مشخصات ذیل باشند.

۱. قدرت ایجاد توازن بین پیشرفت های حرفه ای و معیارهای فرهنگی و خانوادگی

۲. از نظر معلومات و درجات علمی دارا بودن:

الف: درجه دکترا و یا فوق تخصص در رشته مربوطه

ب: سابقه تدریس دانشگاهی و یا تدریس در موسسات عامی همپایه

ج: سوابق تحقیقات یا نوشته های علمی در رشته مربوطه کاندیدا

۳. امتیاز در رشته های علمی و انسانی و هنری، پیشرفت ها و امتیازات ادبی و خدمات بشر دوستانه می تواند معادل با شرایط فوق باشد.

آخرین تاریخ در یافت مشخصات کاندیدا همه ساله اول نوامبر میباشد.

لطفا با در نظر گرفتن شرایط فوق و یا کاندید های معرفی شده را به آدرس ذیل ارسال فرمائید.

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۹. کمک مالی سالیانه به انتشار دانشنامه ایرانیکا که معرف فرهنگ و تمدن ایرانی به فرهنگ انگلیس زبان در جهان است.

۱۰. کمک مالی به "سازمان جوانان یهودی اسرائیل" در سال های ۲۰۰۷ - ۲۰۰۶، برای جوانانی که وضع نامساعد مالی و اجتماعی دارند.

۱۱. سازمان بانوان یهود ایرانی بمنظور حراست و تامین حقوق زنان یهودی، طی پیگیری های چند سال گذشته در مورد یافتن راههای پیش گیری و حل مسئله "گت" و "عگونا" و تامین آزادی زن یهودی بهنگام لزوم طلاق، به آنگونه که با اصول شریعت یهود (هالاخا) مغایرتی نداشته باشد، همواره کوشا بوده است. این سازمان طی چند سال اخیر با همکاری گروه فرهنگی ایما در نیویورک و تأیید و تعهد ربانان ایرانی کالیفرنیا توانسته است در راه پیش گیری از این امر قدمهایی بردارد. بدین ترتیب که مانند سایر یهودیان ارتودکس اشکنازی و سفاردی جهان، طرفین با امضا یک موافقتنامه قانونی قبل از عقد نکاح تعهد مینمایند که در صورت وقوع طلاق کشوری از رای دادگاه شرعی سرباز نزده، بهنگام ختم ازدواج در دادگاه شرعی حضور یابند.

در راه حفظ هویت ایرانی خود سازمان بانوان یکی از کمک کنندگان مالی تهیه و نصب مجسمه آزادی است که بوسیله بنیاد فرهنگ به زودی در شاهراه Century City به منظور تقدیر از بینش و خدمات کورش کبیر بر پا خواهد شد.



این سازمان که با اهداف فرهنگی و قومی سازمان بانوان تطابق دارد، ماوایی برای فعالیتها و گرد همائی های جوانان یهودی از جمله ایرانی است.

۴. کمک های سالانه به بیمارستان بیکور خولیم در قلب اورشلیم و همکاری در محافل به منظور گردآوری اعانات برای ایجا دآخرین و مدرنترین تأسیسات پزشکی، از جمله احداث یک اطاق زایمان با پیشرفته ترین وسایل پزشکی در بخش جدید زایمان، بنام زنده یاد "منوچهر قدسیان"، نامگذاری قسمتی از بخش جدید اُرژانس نوزادان زودرس بنام "حبیب الله و فخری آفاری" نصب پلاک های یاد بود بنام های "ملیحه کشفی" و "پرفسور امنون نتصر". از سال ۲۰۱۳ به علت الحاق بیمارستان بیکور خولیم به بیمارستان شَعره صِدِق، این سازمان کمک های خود را به منوال سابق، به بیمارستان شَعره صِدِق ادامه داده است.

۵. احداث برنامه کمکهای تحصیلی به دانشجویان و اساتید دانشگاه عبری اورشلیم از سال ۱۹۸۷؛ اهدای بورس های تحصیلی بنام زنده یاد "شمسی حکمت" برای بانوان ودوشیزگان در دانشگاه عبری اورشلیم از سال ۲۰۰۷.

در سالهای اخیر بنا به احتیاج وقت این سازمان در راه اجرای هدف های خود کوشا بوده است. از این رو در سال ۲۰۱۴ سازمان بانوان یهود ایرانی یکی از یاری دهندگان اصلی تأسیس مرکز پژوهشی ایرانشناسی و یهودیت در رابطه با فرهنگ غنی ایران در دانشگاه عبری اورشلیم است این مرکز که به نام روانشاد آمنون نتصر نام گذاری شده است تدریس، ادامه و پی گیری کارهای ناتمام آن روانشاد است را بر عهده دار است.

۶. اهدای بورس و کمک تحصیلی بنام "موسی کرمانیان" در دانشگاه نتانیا در اسرائیل در سال ۲۰۰۷.
۷. کمک مالی اهدای بورس به دانشجویان هایاس (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society)
HIAS). از سال ۲۰۰۹. این سازمان برای نجات و مهاجرت افراد یهودی و غیر یهودی در سرزمین هایی که تحت فشار های سیاسی و مذهبی هستند در سطح جهانی گام بر میدارد. علاوه بر تسهیل مهاجرت و اسکان ایشان، از نظر تحصیلی بورس هایی در اختیار جوانان مهاجر در کشورهای اسکان داده شده قرار میدهد.

۸. کمک مالی به آمریکن جوینت در سال ۲۰۱۰ به نام زنده یاد دکتر نسیم طویبا. هدف این سازمان کمک به جوامع یهودی نیازمند در سراسر جهان است.



سازمان بانوان یهود ایرانی

اهداف سازمان

سازمان بانوان یهود ایرانی که ریشه های آن از سال ۱۹۴۷ در ایران پی ریزی شده است. از سال ۱۹۷۶ در لوس آنجلس بنیان گذاشته شده. هدف این سازمان در لوس آنجلس ضمن حراست و نگاهداری از هویت دو گانه "یهودی" و "ایرانی" جامعه خود، شناسائی و تجلیل از سیما و نقش زن یهودی در گذشته، حال و آینده می باشد. سازمان بانوان اهداف خود را در قالب فعالیت های بشر دوستانه فرهنگی، اجتماعی و خیریه مستقلا بمرحله اجرا می گذارد.

علاوه بر فعالیت های محلی در لوس آنجلس سازمان بانوان هیچگاه همبستگی و علائق خود را نسبت بدو منشا قومی و ملی خود فراموش نکرده است. این سازمان ضمن پشتیبانی و وفاداری همیشگی خود نسبت به کشور اسرائیل همواره خود را مسئول حراست و معرفی زبان، فرهنگ و سنن ایرانی خویش دانسته است. از جمله فعالیت های اجتماعی های و سنتی سازمان بانوان بصورت محلی برگزاری جشن های سالانه حنوکا، نوروز، جشن معرفی بانوان موفق، معرفی مادر نمونه و مرد سال را میتوان نام برد. اجرای این مراسم علاوه بر تحکیم علائق مسئولیت های فرهنگی و اجتماعی خود توانسته است که در حدود امکانات، کمک های خیریه خود را از خانواده و اشخاص نیازمند و بیمار در مواقع اضطراری دریغ ننماید.

از جمله فعالیت های چند سال اخیر سازمان بانوان ایرانی بترتیب عبارتند از:

۱. کمک های مالی به برنامه های تحقیقی اساتید و دانشجویان دانشگاه عبری اورشلیم از سال ۱۹۸۷
۲. معرفی و اهدا جوایز سالانه "ملیحه کشفی" به مادران و زنان خدمتگذار جامعه و جایزه "شمسی حکمت" به بانوان تحصیلکرده و پیشگام.
۳. همکاری مالی با سازمان هیلل، مرکز دانشجویان یهودی دانشگاه یو.سی. ال.ای.

Yitzack Robbins Hillel Center for Jewish Life at UCLA



خانم ابا صلتی عزیز

از اینکه در شهر محل اقامت شما به قدر دانی و تجلیل شخصیت شما و فعالیت‌هایی که داشته اید
برخاسته اند بسیار خوشوقتم.

من بنویس خودچه در سالهای قبل از انقلاب از جمله در مسافرت های اعلیحضرتین به کشورهای
خارج که شما بعنوان خبرنگار همراه بودید و چه سالهای بعد که نشریه راه زندگی بنیان نهاده شد و
در طی این سی و شش سال که انتشار آن ادامه میابد شاهد کوششهای شما بوده ام و امیدوارم که با
پایداری ادامه یابد.

از درگاه خداوند متعال توفیق شما را آرزو دارم.

A large, flowing handwritten signature in Persian script, which appears to read 'Arshir Zadeh'.

ارشیر زاهدی

Message from Shahbanou Farah Pahlavi to IJWO for Mrs. Pari Abasalti

پیغام شهبانو فرح پهلوی به سازمان بانوان برای سرکار خانم پری اباصلتی



خانم پری اباصلتی،

زحمات و فعالیت‌های شما در دوران شکوفایی ایران، بر همگان روشن و آشکار است. حضور موثر شما در مؤسسه اطلاعات و مجله اطلاعات بانوان، و همچنین تأسیس انجمن دانشجویان و بانوان، مرکزی برای فعالیت‌های اجتماعی، آموزشی، هنری و ورزشی بوده و هزاران دختر و زن ایرانی در آن مرکز آموزش دیده و در فعالیت‌ها یش شرکت کرده‌اند. تأسیس انجمن دانشجویان و بانوان، که کام بزرگی برای ارتقای آگاهی خانمهای ایرانی نسبت به ارزشها و توانایی‌های خود بود، از حافظه بانوان ایرانی فراموش نمی‌شود. فعالیت‌هایی که در خارج از ایران هم با همان آگاهی و ایمان، تاکنون ادامه داشته است.

من ناظر تلاشهای شما در حوزه مطبوعاتی، فرهنگی و اجتماعی بوده‌ام و این که در کسوت نمایندگی مجلس شورای ملی، با صداقت و درست‌ی برای هر چه بیشتر هموار کردن راه پیشرفت و ترقی زنان، کوشا بودید. در خارج از ایران، شما با انتشار مجله راه زندگی و تداوم آن، نقش بسیار کارسازي داشته‌اید در حفظ زبان و فرهنگ فارسی، مبارزه با جمهوری اسلامی و یادآوری و زنده نگاه داشتن ویژه‌گی‌های تاریخ معاصر ایران قبل از وقوع شورش ۵۷ و تابا شدن نور بر نکات مثبت آن دوره از تاریخ شکوهمند ایران بوده‌اید. با بهترین آرزوها،

اسفند ماه ۱۳۹۵



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